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Fayed and security chief bailed

Harrods boss arrested over safe deposit

By Andrew Pierce and Stewart Tendler

MOHAMED AL FAYED was arrested yesterday over allega-tions that Harrods employees broke into a safe deposit box owned by his business rival

Mr Fayed, who went voluntarily to Kennington police station yesterday morning, was arrested and questioned in the presence of his solicitor for on minutes. He was released on bail and ordered to return to the station in June.

John McNamara, the direcfor of security at Harrods who is a former chief superintendent of the fraud squa! was also arrested. Mark Griffiths, who was Mr Fayed's personal assistant, and Paul Handley-Greaves, his bodyguard, will be questioned today.

Harrids has admitted that the box - containing confidential documents and [wellery worth thousands of pounds - was broken open, but has denied that Mr Fayed Scotland Yard confirmed

vesterday that "a man in his sixues" had been arrested in connection with allegations of theft and criminal damage, but refused to disclose his identity. Harrods, however, said that Mr Fayed had gone to the police station "to clear this thing up for once and for all". A spokesman denied that he had moved to avoid the embarrassment of an arrest at the store, rather he had decided that it was the right thing to do in the face of a "fusillade" of allegations from Mr Rowland. The arrests are the latest twist in the feud between Mr

Fayed: wants "to clear this up for once and all"

Fayed and Mr Rowland which began in the 1980s with the battle to win control of the House of Fraser group.

Last night Mr Rowland welcomed the police action, saying: "It was the right thing to do. These are serious allegations. I will not rest until this is resolved. I will pursue this with every breath in my body. Justice must and will prevail."

Mr Rowland had issued a High Court writ three months ago claiming that Mr Fayed led a conspiracy to break into his safe deposit box and remove letters, tapes and jewels without his consent. But a statement on behalf of Mr. Faved at the time "categorically denied" all the allegations.

The allegations about the safe deposit had first been levelled by Neil Hamilton, the former Tory MP for Tatton. last October as he defended himself against allegations that he was paid by Mr Fayed to ask parliamentary questions. Giving evidence before the Commons standards and privileges committee, Mr

statement from Bob Loftus. who was Harrods' head of security from 1987 until 1996.

According to that statement which was dismissed by Harrods as the invention of an disaffected employee - Mr Fayed had not realised until December 1995 that Mr Rowland had a safe deposit box under his roof. He had demanded to know why he had not been told, and a plot was immediately hatched to break into the box. Mr Rowland, in his writ,

alleged that the break-in was part of an ongoing attempt by Mr Fayed to level false accusations against Michael How-ard, who as Trade Secretary had launched an inquiry into the House of Fraser takeover.

The latest burst of bad publicity for Mr Fayed comes after the controversy over his claims that there was a conspiracy to kill his son, Dodi, and Diana, Princess of Wales, and will cast a cloud over his campaign for British citizenship, which is being reviewed the Home Secretary.

It also comes only a week after the early retirement of his spokesman. Michael Cole. Yesterday he enlisted the support of the public relations expert Sir Tim Bell, who sent his deputy Piers Pottinger to the Knightsbridge store.

Mr Pottinger insisted that the arrest was a technicality. "Mr Al Faved volunteered to go to the police station. He was interviewed under arrest. He categorically denies the allegations," he said. Mr Faved was back on the floor of Harrods by lunchtime and "it is business as usual".



The Prince of Wales during a visit yesterday to Staffordshire fire service in Stone

Diana leaves £13m to sons after paying £8.5m in tax

DIANA, Princess of Wales, left nearly £13 million to her sons Prince William and Prince Harry, her will pub-lished yesterday has disclosed. August last year, also left requests that she should be ouried and that the Prince of Wales should consult her mother, Frances Shand Kydd, on the upbringing, education and welfare of the young Princes. The will was drawn

up in June 1993, six months after the Prince and Princess had separated. Yesterday's publication, un-usual for a royal will, shows that the Princess's gross estate comprising stocks and shares, ewellery, dresses and other pelongings and her E17 million divorce settlement. Pay-ment of unspecified taxes reduced the total to £21.4 mil-

went in inheritance tax, leaving E129 million net. Lawyers acting for the Princess considered a legal action to avoid payment of such large death duties, but abandoned the plan for fear of attracting unfavourable publicity.

lion. A further £8.5 million

The other beneficiaries are Paul Burrell, the Princess's butler and her most trusted aide, who receives a legacy of £50,000, and her 17 godchildren, each of whom will receive a memento from the

Harry, 13, will be held in trust for them. They will be paid an income from the trust before inheriting the capital when

Both Princes have been left the same amount, despite the fact that Prince William will receive the revenues of the Duchy of Cornwell when his

father becomes King. When he and his brother reach 30, they will be able to vary the amount each takes from their mother's bequest if they wish:

But their final inheritance may be much more than the initial £6.5 million each. A court variation order made last December with the help of John Major, a guardian of the young Princes' financial affairs, ensures that a potential-



Shand Kydd: to be consulted on Princes

example - goes into a sepa-rate fund for the benefit either of the Princes or of charities

When, after the Princess's death, it was realised that large sums could accrue from Prince William, 15, and Prince marketing memorabilia, Mr Major and lawyers moved to safeguard that potential income. Variations to a will after the testator's death are quite normal, although they require the consent of the excutors and the beneficiaries.

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Focus replaces Ford Escort

The Ford Escort, Britain's best-selling car, is to be replaced by a new model known as Focus. The new car will no longer be made in Britain, but will go on sale here in the autumn. The new name was announced by Jac Nasser, president of Ford, before the car's unveiling at the Geneva

Shares record

The FTSE 100 index of leading shares closed at a record high after rising 53.3 points to 5820.0. Prices were lifted by a BTR plan to return £2 billion to shareholders Page 27

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Labour suffers two defeats 'Middle way' sought in Lords over student cash

By James Landale. Political reporter

THE Government suffered two defeats in the House of Lords Lords last night when peers backed a Tory move to halt the abolition of state maintenance grants for students and backed calls for equal treatment over tuition ices at Somish universities.

The defeats came as peers debated the Teaching and Higher Education Bill, which would replace grants with a new loans system and allow universities to charge students £1.000 in tuition fees. Peers voted by 143 to 102 in

favour of an amendment en-

suring that at least half a

student's maintenance comes from a grant, with the rest coming from a loan. Then they backed by 134 to 89 a Conservative call for all UK students at Scottish universities - where courses last four years - to have their fourth-year tuition lees paid

by the state The Government will be torred to use its Commons majority to overturn a key plank of its legislative pregramme, but it will be embarrassed because it will be seen to be attacking the interests of Middle England, Many familles have protested against the "double whammy" of tuition fees and the abolition of

Conservative leaders said last night they were samply accepting Tony Blair's promise to abide by the Dearing Committee's recommendations on higher education. which made no mention of

abolishing grants.

David Willetts, the Tory spokesman for higher education, said: "Only last Wednesday Mr Blair was claiming in Prime Ministers' Questions that his Government would abide by Dearing. Peers have simply reinstated what Dearing proposed. Many Lab-our MPs have committed themseives to keeping the grant. Now the onus is on

them to stick by their word." The Tories argued in the Lords that Government plans to replace maintenance grants with loans would deter people

from going to university and hit those from poorest families hurdest.

But the Government argued that the abolition of grants would help to provide extra public money to be invested in universities and denied that mans deterred pourer students from applying for courses. Baroness Blaich, the Tory

education spokesman in the Lords, said: "My amendment would mean a level playing field. It has to be the irony of all time that a Labour Government is penalising low income families on this issue." Baroness Blackstone, the

Minister in charge of higher education, said grants did not encourage people to enter higher education, and added: Even the current flawed loans system has not deterred people from applying." The defeats will be seen by

Labour as another reason why hereditary peers should lose their right to vote in the Lords. which was always regarded as the most likely venue for an

to control hunting

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR dampened would end some of hunting's prospects for an early ban on hunting yesterday as pressure began to grow for an independent inquiry into the issue. In a another move that gave

heart to the hunting lobby in the wake of Sunday's Countryside March on London, Kate Hoey, a senior Labour MP. announced that she and others had formed a group to try to find a "middle way" that



mind again"

most objectionable features while allowing it to continue in a restricted and licensed way. With Michael Foster's Bill to outlaw hunting likely to onllapse over the next few weeks. it has become clearer than ever that a han could only go

through as part of a Govern-ment Bill: But there are already strong indications; that Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, is determined to ensure that his Criminal Justice Bill. due later this year, is framed tightly enough to avoid the it as a vehicle to push through an amendment banning hunting. Yesterday there was a hint

from Downing Street that time might not be found in the present Parliament. The Prime Minister's spokesman said that the Government did not see it as "any great priority" in a future legislative programme. Although he addout nor in, the lack of enthusiasm for the Government be Continued on page 2 col 6

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Police want to destroy 'obscene' university book

BY JOHN O'LLARY **EDUCATION EDITOR**

POLICE have confiscated a book celebrating the work of the late Robert Mapplethorpe, the controversial photographer, from the University of Central England's library and asked for permission to destroy it on

grounds of obscenity. West Midlands police raided the Birmingham flat of a third-year undergraduate art student last Octoher after she had taken photographs of

the book to be developed by a local chemist. The film was intended for use in a thesis entitled "Fine Art versus Pornogrpany ...

After referring the book to the Director of Public Prosecutions, the police told the university last week that it could be held to contravene the Obscene Publications Act, as likely to denrave or corrupt. A formal request was made to destroy the book and for the publishers to withdraw the remaining stock.

Dr Peter Knight, the university's

vice-chancellor, said last night "I have never known anything like this in 30 years of academic life. Discussions with senior members of academic staff within our Institute of Art and Design clearly demonstrate that the publication is viewed as a serious, high quality work of considerable artistic merit. It has contributed significantly to the field of contemporary art and the university deplores the allegations that the publication is obscene.

The university is taking legal advice, but expects to fight the confisca-

tion order, as do the publishers Random House Dr Knight said; "Of course we are aware that Mapple thorpe is controversial, but these photographs are not even emptic, merely unusual. We have paid £75 for a replacement copy to see what the fuss was about and it is certainly not a brown paper envelope job by any

Photographs included in the book survived an obscenity trial in Cincinnatti, in 1988, a year before Continued on page 2 col 7

NEWS IN BRIEF

Family of

suicide

man wins

£25,000

The family of a mental nurse who hanged himself when he

learnt that the hospital where

he had worked for 20 years

was to close has been awarded £25,000 agreed High

Natural worrier fears human rights horrors

heresa May (C. Maiden-head) is not, so far as we know, a Berkshire torturer, village Stalin or rural Pol Pot. Youngish (she is 4!), pleasant and professional, she is described in Roth's New MPs of '97 as having "attractive auburn hair with natural grey splashes". How does Roth know? But whether or not her splashes are natural, Mrs May gives no impression of being

So why did she leap in at Home Office Questions yesterday to lash out at plans to apply a Human Rights Bill to parish councils?

First she asked "if parish councils are amongst those organisations whose acts or omissions it is

RAILTRACK has been

warned by safety inspectors that it will face criminal

prosecutions unless it takes

drastic action to improve the

"persistent poor condition" of

The Health and Safety Executive has told Railtrack that

the company is putting the

safety of passengers at risk

after failing to act on earlier

warnings about poorly main-

the HSE, issued his warning

after a series of derailments.

In a letter leaked to The

Scotsman, he said that he

remained "concerned about

the condition of track on the

Railtrack network". In two

cases, track was "in such an

extremely bad condition so as to be unsafe".

Railtrack's engineering direc-tor, Mr Coleman said: "It is

difficult to escape the conclu-

sion that Railtrack needs ur-

gently to make yet greater efforts to ensure that deterio-

ration and deficiencies in track

condition are properly identi-

fied and effectively remedied.

our - inevitably limited -

spot checks and inspectors

should find serious matters

not already identified and not

being dealt with." Mr Cole-

"It is always of concern that

In his letter to Brian Mellitt,

Vic Coleman, the Deputy Chief Inspector of Railways at

railway tracks.

tained tracks.

Rights Bill".

Mike O'Brien, the dapper fellow assigned to answer this, is the sort of junior minister every mother would want her daughter to marry. Slim, suave, his suits quietly but expensively tailored. Mr O'Brien is a natural grey splash. The grey splash told Mrs May, courteously. that Yes, parish councils would not

This upset her. The Government was looking again, she said, at the possibility of excluding churches, so why not parish councils too?

A short background note on the situation: the Human Rights Bill gives those who believe a public body has infringed their rights a means to take their case to a British

state of lines

By Nicholas Watt and Arthur Leathley

man said that he had also

written to John Swift, QC, the

Rail Regulator. He also made

clear to Railtrack that it could

no longer blame British Rail.

Railtrack, which took over

British Rail's track network in

1994, is already being prose-cuted by the HSE for its

failure to repair track on a

bridge in Bexley, southeast

London, which was the scene

of a train crash in February

last year. A Railtrack report into the incident, in which a

train plunged down an em-

bankment, injuring several

workmen, conceded that faults

had been found on the track

some months earlier but had

had to be rescued when a train

was derailed at Harwich. The

following day a goods train was derailed at Uffington.

near Swindon. Debris hit the

windows of the Bristol to

Railtrack was heavily criti-

cised last year by Mr Swift

over its failure to invest suffi-

ciently in track improvements.

Mr Swift said the company

had accumulated a huge back-

log of investment and ordered

senior managers to put in

place a timetable of improve-

ments over the next decade. In

response, Railtrack set out

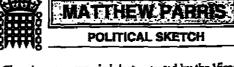
The leaked letter coincides

plans to spend £16 billion.

Last month 40 passengers

not been put right.

Paddington express.



court. Churches are worried lest they be forced to bless same-sex weddings, employ atheists as teachers or interview one sex for a job requiring the other. This one understands. But why

parish councils? Do these bodies systematically violate human rights? What are parish councils in Mrs May's leafy swathe of Berk-

Has Amnesty been informed? Are residents hauled before the councillors of Cookham for interrogation over suspected heresies de-

tected by the Vicar of Holy Trinity? Does the Secretary to the Burchett's Green Parish Council have you committed to the bell tower until, maddened by the sound of the bells. you withdraw your planning application for a pvc-frame porch

Are the teenage sons of Holyport dragged away in the night and dragooned into the Taplow militia? Are residents of council property in Sonning and Wargrave flogged for foothpath infringements?

And is Theresa May in favour of

this? I think we should be told. that if (as Mrs May supposes) English parish councils really are infringing human rights, then the sooner parishioners are able to seek the protection of a Human Rights Act, the better. However, for some victims this may come too late: they will already have had their fingernails drawn, their children taken away or their mean hovels razed to the ground by angry parish coun-

She did not amplify or explain, sowe may never know. Nicholas Gibb (C. Bognor Regis & Littlehampton — a "lean and frantic look", according to Roth) came drily to her aid by suggesting to the minister that as there seemed

this? I think we should be told to be "limited scope" for parish Some of us who take the view councils to crush human rights. why not exclude them from the Act's surveillance?

The briefest inspection of Mr Gibb's idea reveals its dangers. Within weeks, people like Peter Mandelson would be installing themselves on parish councils all over England to exploit the loophole. For there are no limits to the reach of this Government. They are everywhere. They forget nothing. When the owlish Liberal Democrat Deputy Leader Alan Beith asked mildly for progress in reforming the voting system, the Home Office Minister George Howarth snapped that the Liberals had been in favour of first-past-the post - in 1923. Another U-turn.

Book

with the Robert Mapplethorpe Foundation, it features an essay on the photographer's work by Arthur C Danto.

Many of the photographs are nudes, some portraying scenes of bondage and homosexual activity. Photographs from the book have appeared in several public exhibitions in Britain and extracts have been printed in a The Independent

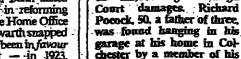
acted in a perfectly civilised manner but the student concerned was understandably distressed. The publication in question has been in the public domain since it was first published in England in 1992 and in the university's library for nearly five years. It is ridiculous to suggest that, after this considerable length of time, it may contravene section two of the Act."

Central England's library has another 26 Mapplethorpe books. The university said in a statement that students taking art and design had to have access to a wide range of visual images, both conventional and controversial "Only by such exposure can informed art criticism and analysis take place. Any attempt to restrict the academic curriculum and the associated freedom of thought by seeking to destroy this book must and

will be resisted." In 1996 a retrospective of Mapplethorpe's work at London's Hayward Gallery caused such outrage that the gallery took the advice of police and lawyers and gave it an X-rating, in which those under 18 could only be admitted accompanied by an adult. Three photographs were excluded from the catalogue.

Continued from page ! Mapplethorpe died of Aids. Produced in collaboration

on Sunday. Dr Knight said: "The police



promise in the claim. Girls' bout off

family, in January, 1995.

Jeffrey Burke, QC. for the family, said North-East Essex Mental Health Trust and the Pococks had decided to com-

A boxing match between 13year-old girls, due to take place tonight in Stoke-on-Trent, has been called off amid adverse publicity. The contest, between Andrea Prime of Leicester and Emma Brammer of Stoke, has already been postponed once.

Connery charge

Allegations that the actor Sean Connery was denied a support for the Scottish National Party are to be referred to Lord Neill, chairman of the Committee on Standards in Public Life by Alex Salmond, leader of the SNP.

Natural choice

Baroness Young of Old Scone is to be the next chairman of English Nature. The Labour peer, 49, currently chief executive of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, takes up the post on May I, succeeding Lord

Extradition case

A Dublin court ordered the extradition to Britain of a man wanted in connection with an IRA bombing campaign. Anthony Duncan, 28, is wanted on eight warrants alleging conspiracy to cause explosions between August 13, 1993 and August 13, 1994.

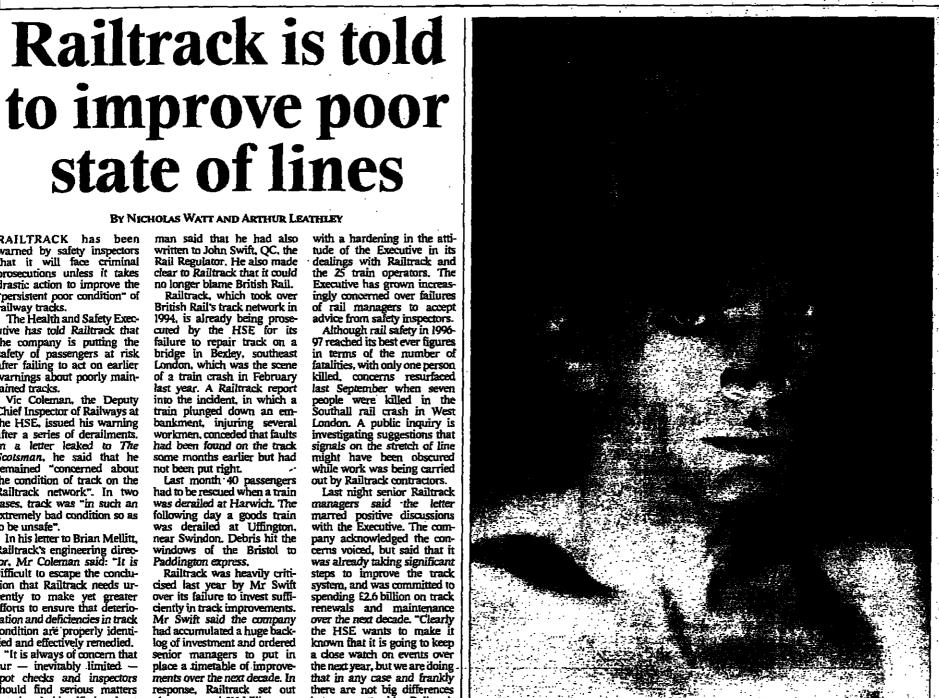
Odds off

The country's biggest independent bookmaker is paying out already on bets that the Premiership, even though the team has ten games left. Fred Done, who has 115 betting shops, is paying out £50,000.

CORRECTIONS

☐ Although the National Trust has banned deer-hunting on its land on Exmoor and the Quantocks, it has not forbidden other forms of hunting on its land, nor does it intend to do so (article, Weckend, February 21). It was also incorrect to say that the League Against Cruel Sports has deer sanctuaries on NT land, and that its animals are in bad condition. In fact, the league's sanctuaries are managed in accordance with the highest standards of

A misprint in a document led Simon Jenkins to write (February 28) that farmers receive £1,000 an acre in



Mapplethorpe: regularly courted controversy with his explicit photographs

Trade and industry press for power over farming as Prescott seeks to retain planning role

By VALERIE ELLIOTT WHITCHALL EDITOR

CABINET ministers are still arguing privately about the creation of a new department for rural affairs. While Dr Jack Cunningham, the

Agriculture Minister, appears to have won the argument for a revamped Ministry of Agriculture, it emerged last night that the Department of Trade and Industry is pressing to take over responsibility for food and farming. Some ministers also believe the Treasury should take the lead in reforming the Common Agriculture Policy. John Prescott, the deputy Prime

should retain control of rural development and planning matters so that he can keep a strategic view of the policy. One government source said last night: "It is a logical position really, where does the countryside begin and the suburban sprawl end? This would be a very difficult area to disentangle between the two departments. The political reality is that it will rest with

environment." Nonetheless, plans are moving ahead to build up the Ministry of Agriculture so that it can act as government watchdog for all policy issues relating to the countryside. Mr

Minister, is also anxious that he Prescott is said to be "completely relaxed" by this shift and the handover of responsibility for key country-side quangos such as English Nature and the Countryside Commission.

A new department for rural affairs would take on responsibility for countryside matters such as hedgerows, public footpaths and wild species, but it would also have a crucial role in representing the interests of the countryside in Whitehall.

Just as the women's unit at the Department of Social Security monitors general policy for its impact on women, so the new rural affairs ministry would assess each policy for its impact on the countryside and its communities. It is understood that a decision on the new ministry will be taken by Tony Blair as part of his first Cabinet reshuffle.

There may be an argument however for deciding the future of countryside matters before Easter. From April 1 Mr Prescott's super-ministry will be controlled by a single budget and it might prove simpler to carve up the responsibilities before the new accounting systems come into force.

Agriculture ministry officials have been reviewing the department's future after the decision to hive off the food safety unit to a new agency.

Ministers fight for control of rural affairs | Hunting inquiry

Continued from page I coming embroiled in the issue was clear. The remark contrasted sharply with the attitude of Mr Blair after the Commons gave an overwhelming majority to the Foster Bill in November when he said that the Government would be keeping the situation under close review. This raised the hopes of campaigners that hunting would be banned by 2000 at the latest.

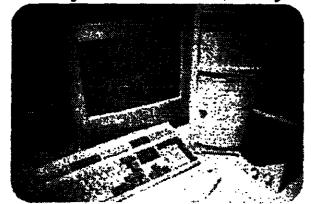
That is still possible, but it is clear that ministers do not relish the idea of another confrontation with the rural communities over hunting. Jack Cunningham, the Agricalled for a "dialogue" over hunting. Ms Hoey said that although Labour MPs had voted in big numbers for the Foster Bill, several of them were moving towards a position where they would favour an inquiry into hunting so that the arguments would be independently tested.

One idea certain to be explored is the drawing up of a code of conduct and the licensing of hunts on condition they observe it. Practices such as digging out loxes, or tempo-rarily filling in foxholes so that they cannot hide, would be

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Suicide Six-year sentence for doctor who killed wife in row over money

Millionaire consultant threw body out of window while depressed over prospect of divorce, writes Stephen Farrell

bludgeoned his wife with a ciul diammer then hurled her to life death from a bedroom window after rows over his meanness was jailed for six

years yesterday. Vivian Harris, 51, a consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist, hit his wife Jocelyn at least seven times on the head on the patio of their £750,000 home, then threw her from the window in a vain attempt to cover up his crime. Although neighbours heard the 39-yearold's dying screams, he spent the next three hours cleaning up the trail of blood through the house and reassuring them everything was all right before calling an ambulance. the Old Bailey was told.

Harris, who earned £150,000 a year as a consultant for the Guy's Hospital and Lewisham Hospital trusts in London and from private practice denied murdering his wife at their kome in Beckenham, southeast London, on June 5 last year but admitted manslaughter due to diminished responsibility. Only after his arrest did he learn she was having an

The Recorder of London, Sir Lawrence Verney, accepted served nine months and could psychiatric reports that the be free in less than 2½ years. consultant was suffering from Mrs Harris's tearful mother severe depression which impaired his responsibility after said last night. "Is that all that learning his wife wanted a divorce and custody of their two children, Rhiannon, now 10, and Rhys. 7.

Dizens of colleagues and patients lined the public gallery in give support to Harris, a Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynac-cologists. Miss World organiser Julia Morley, 57, a former patient acted as a



Julia Morley: told court

prosect of losing his family. Mrs. Harris's family greeted the sentence with disgust, and said that Harris had already. Mrs Harris's tearful mother Norma Belsey, from Kent, my daughter's life is worth?" The former nurse's friends said afterwards she had been driven to distraction by her husband's parsimony, com-

from the pathology laboratory at Lewisham Hospital The issue had led her to walk out on him once before,

plaining that when she once

asked for a new fridge he

offered her the refrigerator

in a large detached house with a swimming pool, had another house in; London and had more than £800,000 in building societies, she was unhappy that hestoristed on taking the family to McDonald's restau-

rants for birthdays. In court Harris, with untidy hair and an open-necked collar, sat with his shoulders hunched as Nigel Sweeney, for the prosecution, told the judge the couple had met at University College Hospital, London, in 1979 when he was a senior registrar and she a nurse. They married in 1985.

The death, he said, was brought about, by the fact that "she perceived the defendant as being mean with his money and he did not". One previous attempt to divorce him in 1994 was abandoned only after he agreed to loosen the purse

In March 1997 she began having the affair and an April 23, she told her solicitor to begin divorce proceedings and that she wanted him out of the house. The petition was filed on the day of her death.

Harris, the court heard, could not accept that it was over repeatedly pleaded with her to reconsider, began drinking heavily, prescribed himself Valium and appeared gaunt and unhappy to col-leagues. He even told his immediate superior to stop him seeing patients if he showed signs of being unable On June 5 1997 he was at

home at 9am when his wife returned from driving the children to school and seeing her male friend. He tried to kiss her but she moved away and, said Mr Sweeney, "made a comment along the lines of Who the hell do you think you "mind was murdered" at the riage and although they lived patio and was drinking a cup compost heap and tried to in his profession. But, Mr stepbrother in Wales.



Harris: court was told that he upset his wife by his parsimony with money

of coffee when Harris, a DIY enthusiast and officer in the Territorial Army, walked past with the hammer apparently intending to break up a con-crete path in the back garden, and "snapped" when she apparently made a remark.

Although he claimed only to have hit her twice, a post mortem showed at least seven blows, many when she was lying on the ground.

Harris then wrapped her in bin liner and sheet and dragged her bleeding body to the first floor bedroom, knowing she was still alive, where he threw her from the window, fracturing her spine and causing her death. In a panic, ne ouried me na

clean the blood from the

He finally called the ambulance at 12.14pm, initially telling police he had been in the garage when his wife fell from the bedroom before admitting his part, saying: "I could not live with the shame."

For the delence, Julian Bevan, QC, said Harris had "devoted a vast majority of his professional life to saving the lives of others, in particular the lives of women with cancer". He said Harris, the son of a barmaid, had been brought up in "humble" circumstances in Newport, Gwent, had attended grammar school and medical

Bevan said, because he was brought up by his grandmother and never knew the identity of his father, the prospect of being separated from his own children had caused him to

disintegrate mentally"... Harris, the court heard, told police his wife had "subjected feeling of worthlessness that you can imagine over this insane, crazy divorce" and called him a "completely selfish creep". His career was now finished and his guilt and torment would never end.

The juriee told Harris he accepted expert evidence that the attack was "out of character". The couple's children are

'Housewife' who built up drugs empire gets 15 years

detached house in suburban Kent, Evelyn Fleckney masterminded a multimillion-pound drugs distribution network. She never handled the drugs herself but, through a "rod of iron" regime, was in such control of a growing empire that she styled herself

"chairman of the board". The empire fell yesterday as Fleckney, 41, from Tunbridge Wells, was jailed for 15 years at Southwark Crown Court. Undercover police taped her business dealings, which involved the distribution of cocaine, cannabis and Ecstasy throughout the South of England after it was brought in

from Portugal. Neighbours suspected nothing as Fleckney walked her six-year-old son to school before returning home to her drug deals. The mother of two relied on criminal contacts to build up her network, bringing together buyers and

A spokesman for the South East Regional Crime Squad said after the case: To all intents and purposes she was the respectable housewife staying at home and taking her son to school, chatting to other mothers along the way.

"She lived in a nondescript semi-detached and didn't have the trappings of wealth around her. She was certainly the first drugs baroness to be convicted in our area and is possibly the first in the counprosecution, told the court that Fleckney would never "get her hands dirty" by keeping drugs at home but instead had them hidden in the countryside.

Police heard her describing herself on one occasion as the "managing director and chair-man of the board". On another, she boasted: "There are not many drug dealers like me. Go and find another bird that can get what I get. I could have a million pills if I

It took the jury five days to convict Fleckney of conspiracy to supply Ecstasy, cocaine and cannabis between October 1995 and October 1996. Her former boyfriend and "lieutenant", James Smith, 32, of Tunbridge Wells, who was convicted of similar offences, was jailed for 12 years.

Paula Bashford, 32, from Croydon, South London, was convicted of one count of conspiracy to supply Ecstasy and jailed for 412 years.

Before the hearing, Karen Knight, 36. from Tunbridge Wells. was jailed for five years after admitting conspiracy to supply Ecstasy, cocaine and cannabis, and Keith Ward, 40. from Morden, Surrey, received 21 months after admitting two counts of conspiracy to supply Ecstasy. Mitchell Fenton, 32, from Tunbridge Wells, Susan Jones, 34, from Croydon, and Steven Lowe. 28, of Mitcham, Surrey, were acquitted of drug charges.



ran a drugs supply network from her home in Kent

Babysitter 'caught in acid attack intended for wife'

BY SIMON DE BRUXELLES

A BABYSTTIER described yesterday may she was horribly distincted when she opened the that door of a house and had that thrown in

Beverley Hamse, then 19, was mistaken for the estranged wife of a brightessman accused of ordering the attack. a court was told yesterday. Miss Hammett, 21, was attacked in July 1996 as she stood silhouetted in the doorway by a man who has never

been caught. One of the in-tended victim's three children described hearing Miss Hammett's face "hissing" as the acid burnt her skin. The prosecution claimed at Exerce Crown Court vesterday

that Peter Humphrey set him-self up with an alide, but his plan to main his 37-year-old wife Susan backfired when the wife Susan backfired when the babyenter answered the door instead.

The trainer namy, who requires further plastic surgecy, said: "I heard what suits the bolt of the side outsided like the bolt of the after the children at her home."

The trainer namy, who requires further plastic surgecy, said: "I heard what suits her sister in hospital and left Miss Hammett looking after the children at her home."

side gate. I looked outside through the curtains but I could not see anybody. I just thought it was Mrs Humphrey coming home because she was due back earlier.

"I went to the front door and listened for a short while and then I opened the door. I saw a



Beverley Hammett, before and after the attack. The trainee nanny needs further plastic surgery

of his estranged wife."

attack Mrs Humphrey began

divorce proceedings and also

obtained a county court agree-ment banning, her husband from going within 100 yards of her house. In May 1996, he

went into the house - called

Camelot - in breach of the

undertaking and found her in

bed with her new boyfriend.

whom he attacked. Mrs Hum-

phrey was seeking to have her husband jailed for contempt at

Mr Chaimers said Mr

Humphrey, 51, ran a chemical

supply business and had ac-

the time of the acid attack.

figure and heard the sound of been traced, to hard concenbreaking glass and then some thing hit me in the face and I felt a burping sensation. I fell to the ground and I thought I

after the children at her home in Seaton, Devon.

Gavin Chalmers, prosecut-ing, said. "It is the Crown's case that the defendant, reduced to all-consuming jealousy by the breakdown of his marriage, procured or helped another person who has not

tisement. "He was in effect creating his own concrete alibi." When police traced Mr Humphrey they found two containers of nitric acid in the boot of his car. Mrs Humphrey told the court that her ex-husband had

bugged and spied on her after she walked out on him after nearly ten years of marriage. There had also been a previous acid attack on her car. Mrs Humphrey's son Adam, now 14, said: "I saw

nitric acid. Before the attack

he made a date to meet two sisters he had contacted through a lonely hearts adver-

Beverley open the door ... I saw a black hand come through the doorway and then heard the sound of breaking trated mirric acid into the face glass and a kind of hissing from the gas and heard Bever-Four months before the ley screaming. She ran into the kitchen. I ran outside and saw a man running away and heard a car speed off. I went back inside and found Beverley washing her face. The state of her face was

> Humphrey, from Axminster, Devon, denies causing grievous bodily harm to Miss Hammett. He faces alternative charges that he procured another with the intention of causing injury to either Miss Hammett or his wife.

The trial continues.

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An officer's bark had no bite

A SCOTTISH police officer working in London was refused the chance to work as a dog handler because the animals could not understand his accent, an indestrial tribunal was told

Allen McPherson, 32, saw work with the dog-handling section of the Metropolitan Police as a refuge from officers who taunted him because of his broad Glas-

PC McPherson told the iribunal in Central London that at the end of the week-

Scots PC claims he was turned down as a dog handler because of

his accent, writes Richard Duce

long suitability course he in giving out dog com-noticed that there were com-mands, but I couldn't accept ments on his assessment sheet suggesting he needed better voice modulation. "I asked the instructor about it and he said, 'It's your Scottish accent. I couldn't believe it. I knew that voice control was very important

about overtime?" since left the force, claims that discrimination by the

that there was a particular duties and asked about travel expenses and overtime before eventually learning that he had been turned

down for the dog-handling

superior officer, Sergeant Danny McQuoid, said: "Is that all you Jocks think Mr McPherson, who has

sergeant, who had insulted him before, affected his

course. He said that his

Mr McPherson, from Luton, alleges racial discrimination against the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Sir Panl

The case continues.

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Experts praise the subtlety of Princess's will

Amendments made after her death added a flexibility

that will benefit young Princes, reports Frances Gibb

THE amended will of Diana, Princess of Wales, was praised by lawyers yesterday as bringing "subtlety and flexibility" to the settlement of her £21 mil-

The will was varied by a High Court order granted last December on the application of John Major, acting as guardian of the financial affairs of Princes William and Harry.

David Long, wills and tax planning partner with Charles Russell, said: "Martyn Gowar of the solicitors Lawrence Graham, and solicitor for the executors], has done a good job, enabling subtle decisions to be made as the years go on." But lawyers also defended Mishcon de Reya, the solicitors who drew up the original will for the Princess. "It is very

LAST Friday's report Will

meet her wishes" carried

comments suggesting that

Diana, Princess of Wales's

solicitors. Misheon de

Reya, failed to give her the service that she should

have been entitled to expect

cal," one probate lawyer said. "But this was a simple will the Princess had at that time. Mishcon's did everything they could have been expected to in the circumstances."

Lawyers were forced to go to court to amend the original six-page will with a 34-page variation order when the huge potential arising from use of the Princess's name and image after her death became

Mr Long praised the flexi-bility in the ways in which the boys will receive payments them. Under the amendments to the will, income from capital held in trust can be paid to each of the young Princes until they reach the age of 25. The

such suggestion is quite

unjustified, and according-

ly apologise to Mishcon de

Reya for any embarrass-

ment they may have suf-fered as a result.

Mishcon de Reya — an apology

A second benefit was the tax

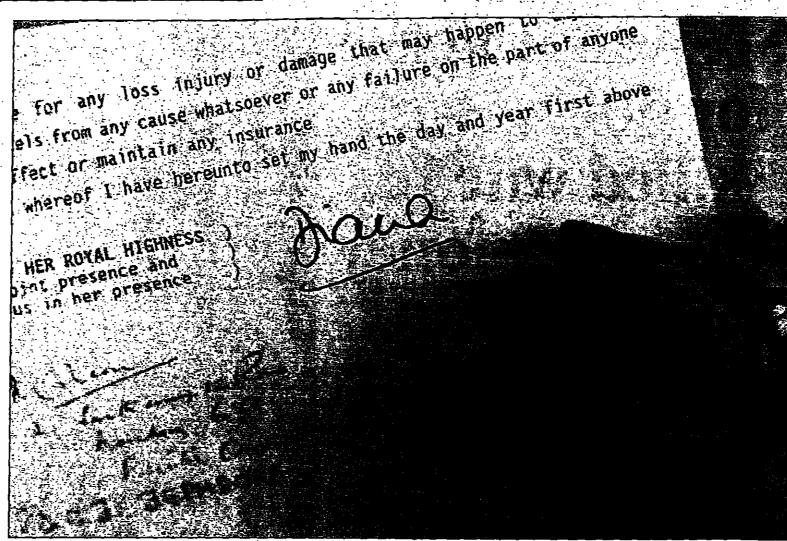
The original will was a simple one reflecting the

reach the age of 30, they can

The trust would in effect last about 80 years, he added. The lawyers had had the option of fixing a cut-off date of 80 years, or of using what is called a "royal lives" clause, long as the lifetime of the longest living descendant (among those who now alive) of George VI, plus 21 years. 'Overall, the trustees have

discretion as to how and when they give the boys the money. This is sensible from a general viewpoint - in that it is a lot of public eye, and it is good that the trustees can exercise care. and flexibility in how they are given it."

advantage, he added. When the boys received the capital, capital gains tax of some 40 per cent (on current rates) tax would be payable on the difference between the original sum and the final total, including interest. So if you have power to stagger the payment, that could relieve the tax burden a little."



The will of Diana, Princess of Wales, which was published yesterday. The Princess left nearly £13 million to Prince William and Prince Harry

the boys, he added.

Similarly, the original will provides for bequests to be made in line with any memorandum expressing the Prin-cess's wishes. But the Princess herself might not have gotaround to making such a:; memorandum.

Mr Gowar said yesterday that the decision to go to court

hensively accommodated". What really kicked it off was the question of the intellectual property rights. No one could have foreseen this was

going to become the issue that it did and it raised the whole relationship between the estate and the fund." "The aim was to put togeth-

er a flexible system which would ensure as far as possible that the executors could rights to charity, but also retain power to control ques-tions of taste and appropriateness."

As well as the trust which holds the bulk of the estate for the two boys, the amended will fund for the Princes and their

also benefit charities. This trust fund includes the intellectual property rights, the Princess's clothes — "all my wearing apparel" - and the sum of £100,000. This could have tax saving benefits, in that any gifts to charities made

years of the Princess's death will be free of inheritance tax. Had the boys been over 18,

from the fund within two

mother's will themselves. But the High Court had to be made on their behalf, in this

case by Mr Major. Amendments to ensure be quests of £50,000 to Paul Burrell, the Princess's butler, and to the godchildren, were discussed by all involved. Mr

Maria .

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Godchildren receive selected mementoes

THE 17 godchildren of Diana, Princess of Wales, will each receive a small personal memento of her chosen by the executors of her will. They watercolours, a decanter, carriage clock and model harp.
All the items are listed in a

who listed and valued all the that it could calculate inheritance tax. The catalogue re-

Lady Edwina Grosvenor 16. second child of the Duke and Duchess of Westminster, was the first of the Princess's godchildren; her christening was held six months after the royal wedding in St Paul's. The next year the Princess became godmother to the Hon Alexandra Knatchbull, 15,

daughter of Lord and Lady Romsey and the great-granddaughter of Earl Mountbatten. The Romseys were particularly close friends of the Prince of Wales.

The other godchildren are: Clare Cazalet, 13, grand-daughter of the Queen Mother's former racehorse trainer; Camilla Straker, 12, daughter of a former flatmate of Diana; Frince Philippos, II. son of King Constantine of Greece Leonora Lonsdale, II. daughter of a former lady-in-waiting to the Princess. Indie Warren, ll, granddaughter of the Earl

of Caumaryon, the Queen's racing manager. Lady Mary Wellesley, II, granddaugher of the Duke of Wellington, George Prost, 10, son of the

CROCKERY, ART AND A MODEL HARP

broadcaster Sir David Frost; Antonia Twiston-Davies, 10, daughter of Caroline Harbord-Hamond, a school friend of the Princess; Jack Falkner, son of a colonel in the Household Cavalry: Lord Downpat-rick, grandson of the Duke of Kent, Jack Bartholomew, son of another schoolfriend and flatmate of the Princess; Benjamin Samuel, 8, son of Julia Samuel, a member of the Guinness family and a close friend of the Princess: Antonia Harrington, 6, daughter of Jonathon Harrington, a friend

of the Princess; Daisy Soames. 5-nièce of Nicholas Soames, the former Tory Defence Minister, another close triend of the Prince: Domenica Lawson. daughter of Dominic Lawson and Rosa Mondaton, one of the Princess's closest personal friends who went on holiday with her a month before the

from among her private effects by her executors, and are far from being the most valuable or glamorous of her possessions. In years to come their recipients may regard them as surprisingly modest legacies from a woman who in her time was one of the most famous in the world.

Neither her office nor her lawyers yesterday could add any detail to the terse list. published as an appendix to the variation order to her will. But it includes a number of Herend animal figures, which are widely edilected and sell

for about 630 each.

1987 gifts are in sharp confrast to the personal effects of the late Duke and Duchess of Windsor. Almost every item medast week's sale in New York was a paragon of quality and style, and consequently fetched prices for in excess of the auction house's estimates.

Cheap at the price, but few takers on first day

BY ALAN HAMILTON

EARLY trade was exceedingly slow when copies of the will went in sale at Somerset House in Acceptal London yesterday, despite predictions that it would become a best-

Staff at the Propate Registry had worked overtime to produce hundreds of copies of the complete set of documents, running to 46 pages. But apart from the newspaper and television representatives who snapped up the first few dozen sets, only a trickle of members of the public arrived. Staff expect a brisker trade in

The first public customer. was Christine Lansdowne, 72, from Sydney, who was combining a holiday in Britain with historical research into her own family. "When they told me Diana's will was going on sale; I had to have one," she said.

"If my friends back home knew I had a chance to buy one, and I hadn't, they would have wanted to know why."

Margaret Godsell also just happened to be passing with ber daughter in law Christine. and four-year-old grandson. Stuart_"I bought it for historical interest; it will be something to hand on to the grandchildren," Mrs Godsell

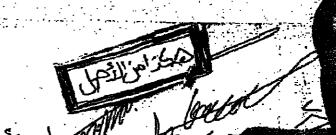
Musa Audu, 45, read in The Times that the will would become available. "I am a probate solicitor: I thought I would come out of curiosity to have something as a memento, but also out of professional interest to see who the beneficiaries are."

Those who bought a copy seemed pleasantly surprised that the six-page will, together . with a one-page codicil, cost only 75p, the standard charge for a copy of any will held by the Probate Registry. Those requiring the full set of documents - sworn oath by the executors, original will, 36 pages of variation orders drawn up after the Princess's

death, and the grant of pro-bate - will have to say £10.25. Kevin Donnelly, probate department manager, said there had been many delephone calls; particularly from Italy and the United States, expressing interest. Normally we wait several days before publishing a will. But in view of the widespread interest in this one, we decided to issue it. immediately," he said.

Copies of the will of Diana.

Princess of Wales, are available at 75p (£2 by post) from the Principal Registry of the Family Division Somerses Family Division, House, Strand, London WC2R ILP, or from the district Probate offices in Andover, Birmingham, Brighton, Bristol. Cardiff. Ipswich. Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle-upon-Tyric and Ox ford: For postal applications. a cheque for £2 should be



Hawaii? I prefer South Yorkshire

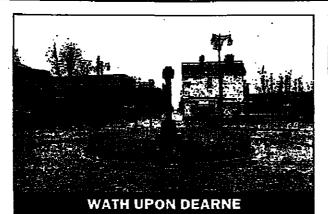
Woman who found love on the Internet forsakes Pacific island home for Wath upon Dearne, writes Paul Wilkinson

MANY people would envy Marji Robinson's seemingly idyllic life on a unspoilt Pacific island. But she is swapping her birthplace for a former pit villag: in South Yorkshire because she has fallen in love with a credit controller she met though the Internet.

Today, when she looks out of her window, she can watch the blue waters of the Pacific break on the white sand of Kauai, reputedly the most beautiful of the Hawaiian islands. But in a few months. after their marriage on the beach, her view will be the terraced houses acoss the road from the home of her hus-band, John Beachill, in Wath upon Dearne, Rotherham.

"John has told me what to expend but to be hones toles not really matter," said Ms Robinson, 40, a qualified nurse, yesterday. "We're very much in love and we just want to be together and where does not matter too much. John's work is obviously in Britain. but he has said that, if I don't settle in Wath, he is prepared to move back with me and his children to Hawaii."

Kauai, known as the Garden Isle, is famous for its scenery. It is the fourth largest



THE town dates from Viking times and was mened in the Domesday Book. James Montgom-ery, an 18th-century poet, christened the place The Queen of All Villages" after falling in love with the daughter of a local

the first to be seen by Captain Cook in 1778. It was the

location for the films King

Kong, South Pacific, Blue

The couple "met" while

surfing the Net for penfriends

Hawaii and Jurassic Park.

coal on the railways and the canal; unemployment is now about 8.5 per cent. William Hague, the Tory leader, was a pupil at Wath Grammar School Summer temperatures hit an average 19C; in winter it is 5C.

last September. They corresponded by e-mail, then by telephone as their relationship grew. Mr Beachill, 41, who is divorced and has two daughters aged ten and 13, has been out of England only once, on a weekend trip to France. But

THE 5,000ft Mt Wainleale Hollywood scripts requi it has more wet days that any other place on Earth, but the island has an average 2,620 hours sun-shine a year. Its rainforest

last month he flew 10,000 miles to Kauai to propose. He said: "I had only ever seen her picture but I had an idea she would say 'yes'. I couldn't do it

over the internet. With the distance involved, I never really thought about

from Grimethorpe, where the recent hit Brassed Off on the demise of the coal industry. was filmed It lies in the triangle of industrial South Yorkshire bounded by Rotherham, Doncaster and Barnsley. Mr Beachill said: "I am not quite sure what she will make of Wath. Marji has visited Britain, but only places like London and Edinburgh. Her home is in the foothills of a

to fame is that it is five miles

volcanic mountain range. When you walk out of the house you are greeted by palm trees and beautiful flowers." Ms Robinson has yet to see Wath. But Mr Beachill did send her and her daughter, Kassandra, seven, a postuard of Castleton, a picturesque Peak District village, to show her that there is beauty in the North Now he has arranged for her to spend Easter in South Yorkshire to help her

become acclimatised. Last night the Rotherham Industrial Development Of-fice offered Ms Robinson a guided tour. Clark Herron, its a month of corresponding, it spokesman, said: "I was wormore than wanting to send don't know Rotherham still letters to each other for the rest label it with the old stereotypes of wasteland and slagheaps."



John Beachill and Marji Robinson in Hawaii

Full Monty star reveals his role in the allotment

By JOANNA BALE

THE hugely successful film The Full Monty has not with it rich. One of its stars is growing his own vegetables

Steve Huison played tempt is foiled in the opening scene. Now he is busy planting potatoes in his Yorkshire ment, having received just £13,500 for his part in the comedy, which has taken nearly £50 million at the box

The actor, who hopes to attend the Oscars ceremony in Hollywood later this month, said yesterday that filmgoers wrongly assumed that he and his co-stars had made their fortunes. At a ceremony introducing the home video version of the film yesterday, he said his latest project was "the allotment". He added: "That's not

"It's that time of the year. You've got to break up the about growing your own veg

"Let me get it right. We haven't got a fortune out of it.



Huison: earned £13,500 for his role in film

We got the basic Equity weekly rate and that's all: £1.500 a week it works out at for nine weeks. Even my girlfriend's daughter gets tapped up for money at school now, which isn't very pleasant."

However. Huison, of Shipand given him a better choice of parts. "I've had a good time over the past six months. I've gone on a lot of free trips and I've met a lot of interesting people, and it's nice to be involved in something that's done so well."

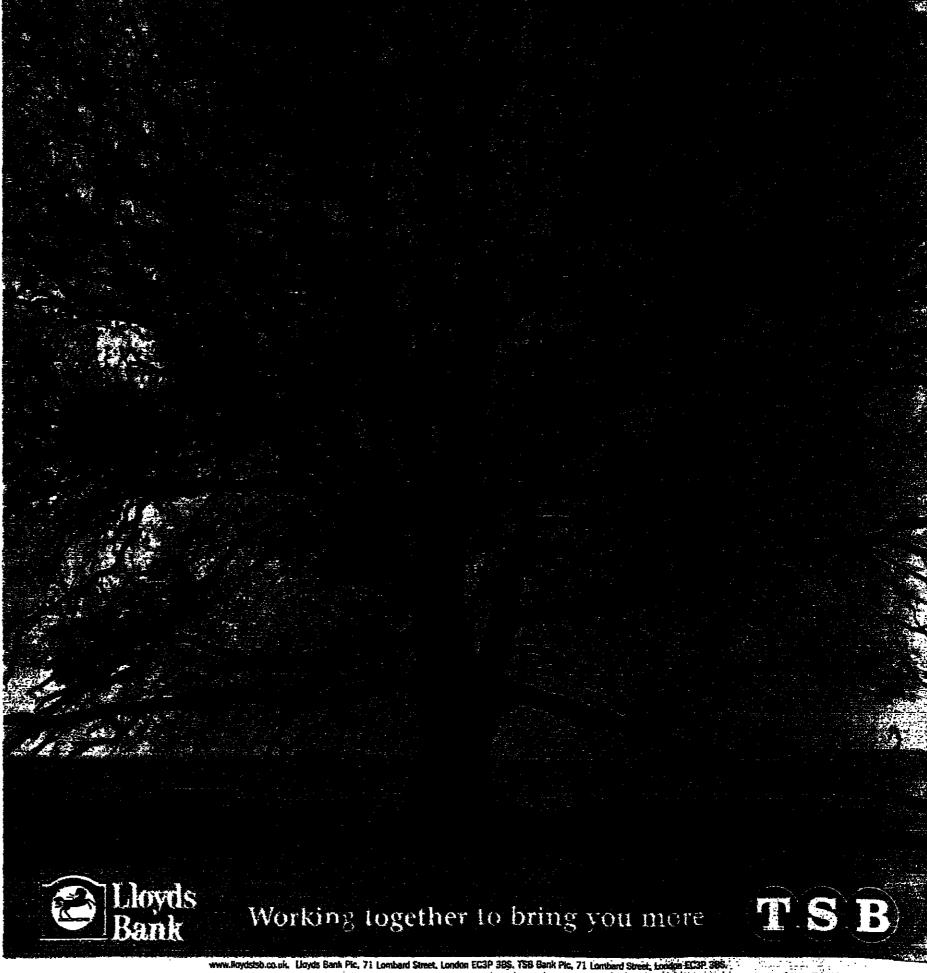
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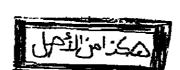
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Novel approach pays off for debutant writers

An MA course at Manchester is teaching the art of producing a saleable book. Russell Jenkins reports

FIVE students from the English department of Manchester University are on their way to becoming professional writers. They have all had a first novel or book of

Four are graduates of a two-year MA course in novel-writing. which aims to put fat books in shop windows rather than catch the eye of literary journals.

The university, which set up the course four years ago, aims to wrest the crown from the creative writing courses of East Anglia University as the place to get on the fast track into print. Publishers and literary agents are heading for Oxford Road, Manchester,

trawling for talent, and many of Her first book, Hard Copy, will the current crop of 12 students

already have agents. Anna Davis, one of three to graduate from the inaugural course, has a two-book deal with the publishing house Sceptre. Her first novel, The Dinner, written for her MA course, is about a dinner party going disastrously wrong and will be published in January next year. The German translation rights have already been sold.

Emma Lee-Potter, 39, a journalist and daughter of Linda Lex-Potter, the Daily Mail columnist, has a two-book deal with Piatkus. appear in July.

She spent ten years working in. Fleet Street and has drawn on her experience to write about life on the fictional tabloid Daily News. Her central character is an ambitious young photographer, estranged from her mother and with a disastrous love life.

Ms Lee-Potter, who lives in North Yorkshire with her husband and two children, said the course provided a disciplinary framework to those who want to write a novel but could quite get

unless I have a deadline," she said. Hard Copy is a fun look at newspapers, not a knocking book, but a look at what it is really like as a reporter on the road. It is not a literary work, but a book marketed for a mass audience. There is nothing precious about this

"In the purely practical terms of producing a book to go on sale, it has knocked the University of East Anglia off its rarified literary perch. I have never been interested in writing poetry. This course is specifically for novel-writing." The third student on the initial

complete the jigsaw. One MA student, Joseph Pemberton, received an offer from a publisher before he had even submitted the final version of his book. For Ever And Ever Amen, for

his degree. Students are asked to write chapters of their books in 5,000-

course is Vivienne Savory, who

has already enjoyed success with

her novels The Seventh Daughter

and Over The Purple Moor.

published by Fourth Estate. She said: "I felt I was on the way to

becoming a writer but that I

needed to make that final link - to

them for criticism by the rest of the class. The second year is devoted to completing the book.

The course is run by Richard Francis, a novelist whose latest book, Fat Hen, is shortly to be published, and Michael Schmidt, a publisher and director of the Poetry Centre. Dr Francis said: that the MA course was the only one designed solely to produce

The courses run by other universibes encompassed most literary genres, but that was not so in Manchester. We took the bull by

You cannot tell people how to write a novel, but you can teach reactively to something in front of your eyes. You are trying to work out what they want to do and how

far they are successful and try to bridge the gap." Clare Wigfall, a 20-year-old undergraduate reading English and American studies, has also been offered a publishing deal by Faber & Faber after an editor heard one of her short stories. Professor Tony Crowley, head of the department, said: To have so

many students with novels either

in print or with deals offered to

them is a real success for us."

Human rights

author may

pull out over

Top teachers are offered £40,000 to stay in class

By John O'Leary, education editor

THE best teachers will be offered up to £40,000 to stay in the classroom rather than embark on a management nounced yesterday to raise standards in state schools.

The first Advanced Skills Teachers will be appointed in September in the proposed new Education Action Zones and in specialist schools. The so-called "superteachers" will be expected to spend one day a week passing on their exper-

tise to other schools.

But the scheme, delayed after the teachers' pay review body demanded more time to consider the implications, drew immediate opposition from head teachers and classroom unions. They claimed that the new pay scale would be divisive and few schools would be able to afford it. At the top of the proposed

paid more than all but !.! per cent of primary head teachers and 6.7 per cent of secondary deputy heads. David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, said that a "minority of excellent teachers" should qualify, but the unions want thousands of

The School Teachers' Review Body, recommending salaries of between £25,000 and £40,000, described the Government's proposals for a new grade as "radical and innovative". Inspectors would gauge whether candidates were sufficiently skilled and there would then be a further selection hurdle.

their members to benefit.

Labour included the proposal in its general election manifesto as a means of stemming the flow of talented teachers into management positions.

scale, the teachers would be However, the first appointments are likely to be limited to specialist schools and the first five Education Action Zones, which will be named in Mr Blunkett's advice to the

review body suggested that the initiative would spread nationally in September 1999. Schools could either appoint ASTs from their own budgets or seek a central grant and share the appointee's skills with neighbouring schools.

Under proposals issued for consultation, the limits on the working hours of classroom teachers would not apply to the new grade, reflecting their additional responsibilities to act as "mentors" and spread good practice. Annual pay reviews would determine whether ASTs moved further up the pay scale. Mr Blunkett said yesterday:

This new grade will reward the very best classroom teachers, encouraging them to stay in the classroom rather than aking up management posts." David Hart, general secre-

tary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said it would be difficult for governors to make appointments without causing friction over differentials with head teachers and deputies. Doug McAving general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, predicted that problems would be created by cutting across the management structure, and the structure of extra pay for additional responsi-bilities.

Peter Smith, general secre-tary of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers, said that up to half of the teaching force deserved recognition.

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MELISSA BELA, the daughter of the independent MP for Tatton, Martin Bell, and Major Peter Bracken, above, announced their wedding date yesterday but the bride may have trouble get-

The couple - who met while Miss Bell was belping her father's election can - have yet to decide on a venue after her father ruled out his local parish

A wedding Bell running out of time

'Hamiltonian". Miss Bell has already chocharch in Great Budworth, sen her dress and is plan Cheshire. Mr Bell has boycotted St Mary and All ning a lavish cham reception for the wedding or Saints since the Rev Derek

handed a copy of the parish

Patten book By Raymond Snoddy, media editor JONATHAN POWER, the HarperCollins editor, Richard distinguished foreign affairs writer whose column is syndinewspapers around the world. is on the verge of removing his new book from HarperCollins in the wake of the dispute over

the book on China by Chris.
Pitter, the last Governor of
Hong Kong.
Mr Power, who for many years worked for the Intern tional Herald Tribune, is in the final stages of agreeing a contract with HarperCollins on an independent history of Amnesty International, the human rights organisation The book which is being written; to coincide with the 40th anniversary of Amnesty

in 2001, will have a chapter on himan rights in China Mr Power said yesterday that he intended to seek another publisher for the book unless something extraordi-nary happens such as Rupert Murdoch apologising and de-ciding to publish Chris Pat-ten's book

Last week The News Corporation, whose media interests include both. Harpe Collins, and The Times, said that Rupert Mardoch, its chair. man and chief executive gild

disagreed with many of Mr. Patter's positions on Hong Kong. HarperCollins gave up the right to publish the book. which has now been picked up by Macmillan. Stuart Proffitt. the HarperCollins editor involved, has left the company and is suing for constructive

Mr Power has alerted his

Johnson, to the potential problem of the China chapter, and Mr Johnson yesterday ap-proached Eddie Bell, the HarperCollins executive chairman, to draw his atten-tion to the Amnesty International book.

Mr Bell, who has not re-turned telephone calls from

The Times, has called for the synopsis of the book. A contract was due to be signed in the next three weeks. The loss of a book on the

history of Amnesty International would hardly be a huge financial loss to Harper-Collins, but it would constitute a further blow to the company's presuge.

Although a number of HarperCollins authors have expressed disquiet about the decision over the Patten book, the only one actually known to have defected so far is Simon Heffer, the political writer and journalist, who returned his advance for his biography of the late Enoch Powell:

Mr Bell yesterday ad-dressed the HarperCollins staff to tru to allay their articles. Many analysts

rights to what could have been expected to be a controversial book on China, a region of the world where Mr Murdoch has shown sensitivities in the past. Mr Murdoch has been making great efforts to open up the Chinese market to television from the West. .

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increasing equieers about the effectiveness of recent

LESSONS ON PAEDOPHILES

to be given lessons in how to spot a paedophile. The day is a video featuring the television actresses Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson, of the BBC's Birds of a Feather. It shows a paedophile winning the trust of a young boy and girl and their abuse the children. Secondary schools will devote

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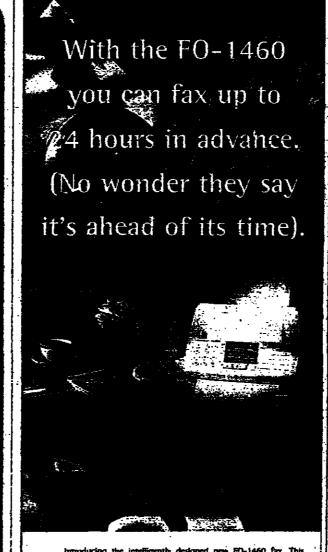
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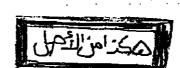
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Prostitute murders spark fears of serial killer

Police are denying a link between killings as women flee Glasgow's red-light district, writes Gillian Harris

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WITH her dark hair scraped back and a canvas rucksack on her back, Becky looks like a student as she catches her bus. In fact, she is a prostitute who travels to Edinburgh's red-light district in Leith rather than work on the streets of Glasgow where, she believes, there is a serial killer at large.

The discovery of Margo Lafferty's snow-covered body in a cobbled alley close to Glasgow city centre at the weekend has increased the fear that there is a killer preying on prosti-tutes. Miss Lafferty, 27, was the seventh prostitute to be killed in the

that there is no evidence to link the

Miss Lafferty's body body was discovered in an office doorway in West Regent Lane, less than a mile from her home, on Saturday evening. She was last seen in the red-light area at about 2am on Saturday.

Forensic tests were yesterday car-ried out on the area. The officer in charge of the murder inquiry, Detective Chief Superintendent John Campbell, urged anyone who knew anything about Miss Lafferty's death to come forward. "I am quite sure whoever carried out this attack must

It is very likely he would be bloodstained," he said.

Miss Lafferty's death comes only three months after Tracy Wylde, 21, was found murdered at her home. Nearly all Glasgow's estimated 850 they are going and note the car registration numbers of the men who pick them up. Others, like Becky.

work 50 miles away in Edinburgh. "I used to work around the same area as Margo, but I wouldn't go near the place now," she said. "Since November I have been going to Edinburgh. It feels safer. I know a lot

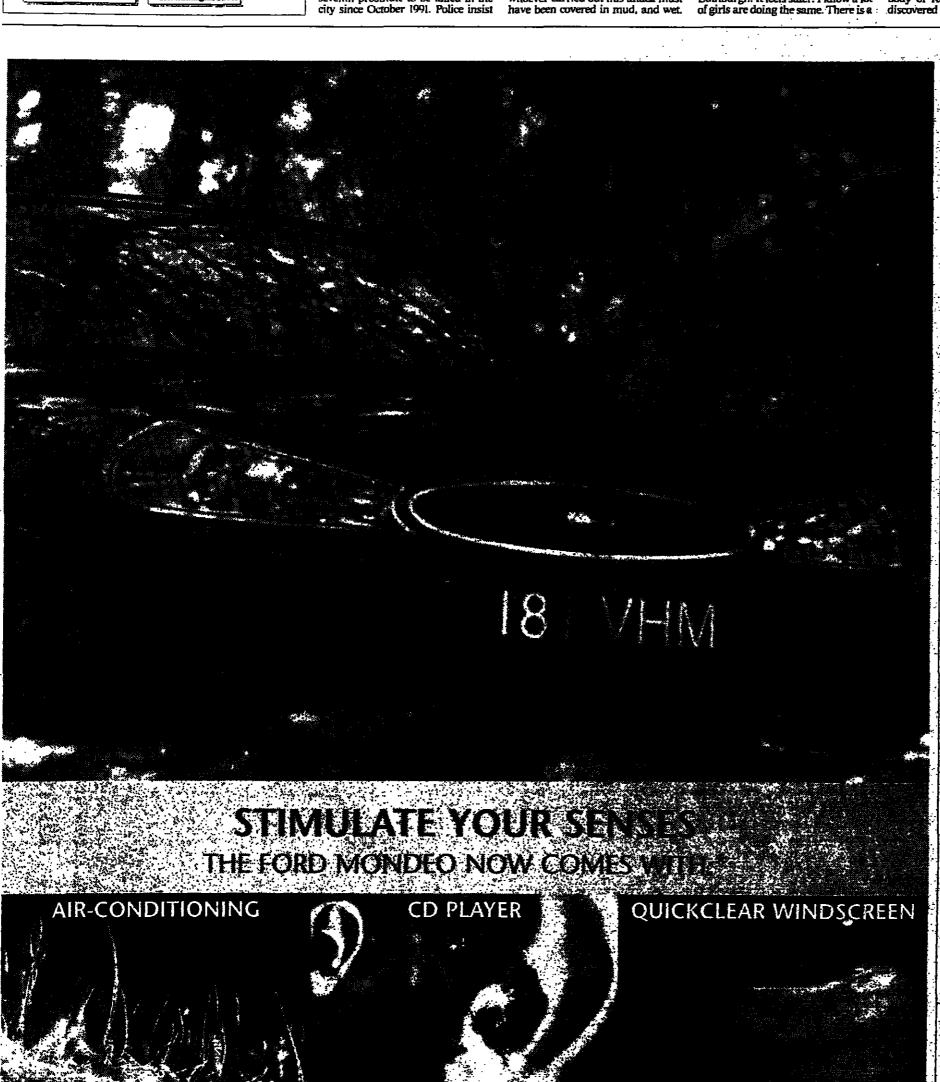
madman out there and I'm not going back to Glasgow until he's caught." Strathclyde Police play down sug-gestions of a serial killer. There are similarities in three murders where the women were found naked or partially clothed and brutally beaten. Six of them also looked similar with sharp features and dark hair.

Diane McInally, 23, was found in Glasgow's Pollok Park on October 15, 1991. Two men were charged with her murder, but the case did not reach the court.

Eighteen months later the naked body of Karen McGregor, 28, was discovered in a car park at the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre. Her husband, Charles, was charged but the case was not proven. Leona McGovern, 22, was found stabbed 17 times and strangled on June 2, 1995. A man was charged and

The body of Marjorie Roberts, 34, was found two months later in the River Clyde and in June 1996 Jacqueline Gallagher, 26, was found dead in a lay-by in Bowling. Dumbartonshire, wrapped in a curtain.

"Every time a girl is killed the rest of us pray that this time the police will get him," said Becky. "Until they



Watchdog to cut off town hall's phone monopoly BY MARK HENDERSON

BRITAIN'S only councilowned telephone exchange looks likely to lose its near monopoly under a licence review announced yesterday by Oftel, the telecommunica-tions watchdog.

If public consultations indi-

cate approval competitors such as BT will be allowed to operate in Hull, bringing to an end an 87-year anomaly

BT is currently forbidden from connecting customers in Hull, where Kingston Com-munications, the company owned by the city council, has operated the system since 1902. The exchange was allowed to remain independent when private sector alised in 1911, and again when British Telecom was privat-

ised in 1984. Kingston Communications today operates 185,000 lines in the city, serving a population of just under half a million. Mercury and cable operators have been permitted to move in for seven years, but have chosen not to do so.

Don Cruickshank, Director General of Oftel, said a lack of competition in Hull was holding back the standard of services. "I have to ensure that everyone in the UK has a choice of new services and that. these services offer good value. for money." he said.

the same progress as every-where else in the country. The Hull telephone market is not, and should not be, isolated from the new world of communications. The people and businesse of Hull need to be given the same opportunities, and 20

"Hull has not been making

same choice to telecoms the UK. Many popular BT se such as FeatureNet. board network for by

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Hughes, who is married to allow driver. I have past six months." New BT is checking

petition, but felt that Oftel had made unfair criticisms of its services. "Mr Cruickshank is saying customers in Hull get a raw deal, which is just not true." Colin Ashcroft, a com-

is records to try to find the new holder of the

least-used callbox title.

pany spokesman, said.
"Oftel say themselves that we are cheaper than BT, and we consistently too their tables for customer service. They say the technology is backward, but we are currently piloting

He added that the review would be unfair if it allowed BE to expand into Kingston's licence area without giving it the right to operate in new areas as well.

A spokesman for BT said that the company welcomed the review of licensing rangements in Holl and that it carefully. We will be keen to that arise



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ENO musicians count the notes in pay row

MUSICIANS at the English National Opera could be paid in 15-minute units if proposals to cut costs go ahead.

While violinists would prob-

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ably prosper, percussionists and brass players, who are needed less, fear their pay would suffer. They could find themselves counting up the notes in their parts and hoping for a season of Wagner rather than Mozart

Although the management is said to favour paying by the hour, it is insisting that a single quarter-hour unit is inserted into contracts. "Why would they want that in our contracts unless they plan to use it?" one player said.

It is assumed that the 15minute payments will apply only to rehearsals. "Surely they can't have people walking in and out of the pit during performances," he added.

Negotiations have broken down, the orchestral committee refusing to discuss plans which it believes will hurt musicians. The committee said: "We are running out of extending the hours they are ways to improve the situation. expected to be available, inways to improve the situation. The possibility of an industrial

Orchestra gives warning that it may

take strike action over management

plans to pay its members by the quarter hour, writes Dalya Alberge

ing work. One musician said: "On Saturday mornings,

many of us have supplement-

ed our incomes with teaching and we will not be able to do

Another source said: "Per

formers of this calibre should

not be put under this sort of pressure. Performing is a high

pressure job anyway. Musi-cians turn to drink and

betablockers just to cope with

the performing pressures.

Then there is the constant threat of redundancy. And now this. It doesn't make for a

The proposals have implica-

tions for orchestras through-

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that any longer.*

player, declining to be named because talking in the press is a sackable offence, said that it was bad enough when they were told that there would be no salary increase for this current season.

They earn an average of £25,000, compared to the £60,000 paid to rank-and-file musicians in the United States. Under the new proposals, the ENO musicians believe they will be taking

They have passed a vote of no confidence in Mimi Watts, the director of human resources who is negotiating the contracts. They object to con-tract changes that include cluding more Saturday morn-

While declining to comment on any specific details, Horace Trubridge, the London official for the Musicians' Union, said of ENO: "They want a Rolls-Royce, but they only want to pay for a Mini. The choristers are also un-

happy about long hours and hourly payments: they have already accepted a radical change to their contract, feel-ing they could not afford to take industrial action. "They were very reluctant," the source said. "But what's the option? They get the spiel from the management about the chorus being integral to the company. But they've whittled them down over the years from 80 to 60-plus. They wouldn't replace people who left. That doesn't imply it's important. There's a feeling that the chorus is a large wage bill, 'singing scenery'."

A spokeswoman for ENO said: "We are not going to out Britain. Although the BBC comment on something that is tract for its orchestras, it in negotiation. It isn't helpful to carry out negotiations in cians by offering special ad-



The BBC made concessions while introducing hourly contracts for its orchestras

Gay women may have different hearing

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

A PHYSIOLOGICAL difference between heterosexual and lesbian women has been

detected for the first time. Researchers at the University of Texas claim that a characteristic of the inner ear. which differs between men and women, shows similar differences between homosex-

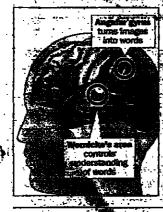
ual and heterosexual women. The results indicate that sexual preference may be in-built. The causes probably lie during early development in the womb, expecially hormone levels. The study, in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, used a test of a hearing response that is known to differ between men and women. When the ear hears a sound such as the tap of a pencil, it produces an echo (an otoacoustic emission). Dennis McFadden, of the university, said: The emis-sions of 61 homosexual and bisexual women were weaker than those of 57 heterosexual women — or in the male

Dyslexia study blames errors on brain failure

THE brains of dyslenies have large areas that appear to function less well than those in people who have no diffi-culty reading.

A study using brain imag-ing has shown that the areas involved are the same as those in people who have lost the ability to read after a tumour or stroke. The finding suggests that dyslexia is caused by deficient brain functioning, and is a real has been doubted.

The region involved finks the part of the brain responsible for turning images into

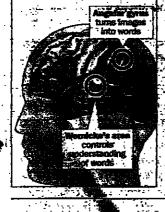


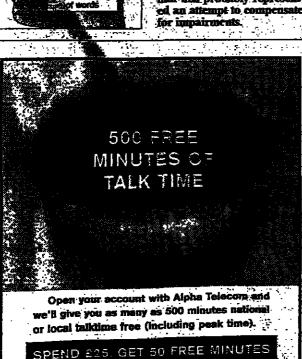
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In a study carried out a Yale University School of Medicine and published in Proceedings of the National Academy of Science, 29 dyslexic readers aged between 16 and 54 were compared with 32 normal readers, aged between 18 and 63. All performed a range of reading tasks while their brain activity was followed by functional magnetic resonance imaging, which detects activity by measuring blood flow.

designed to test the volun-

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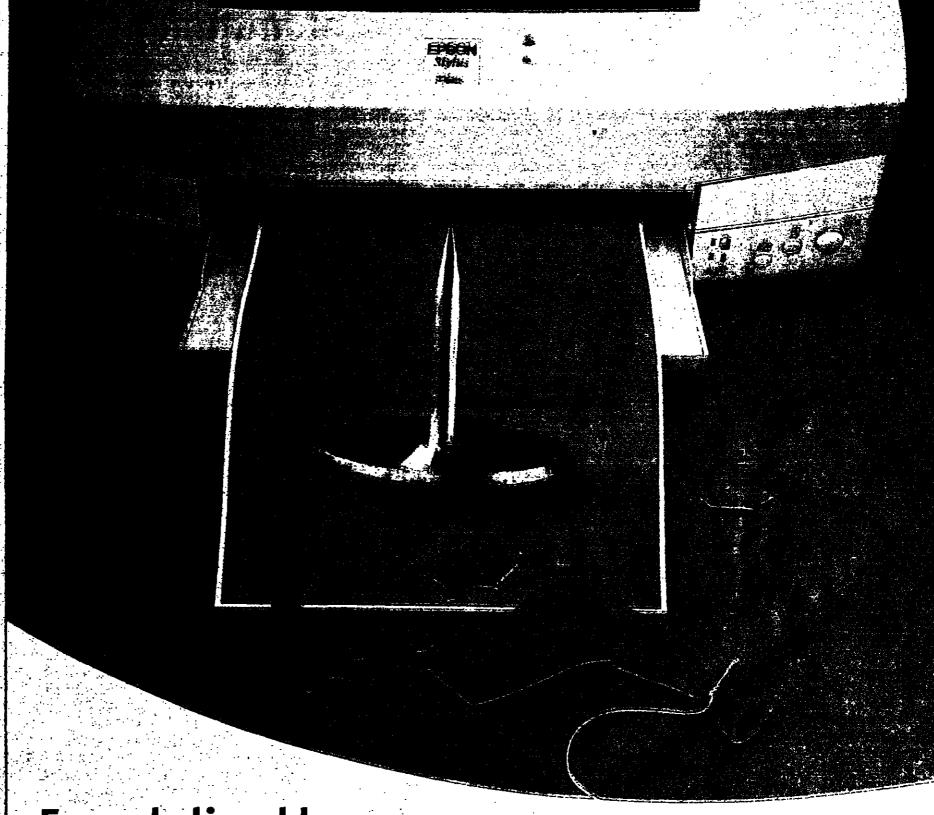
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Labour accused of hypocrisy over prescription rise

Jill Sherman and Ian Murray on claims that ministers

are imposing what they once called a 'tax on the sick'

cused yesterday of "breathtak-ing hypocrisy" after it announced a 15p rise in prescription charges from next

Ministers came under fierce attack from patient groups, Labour MPs and the Opposi-tion after disclosing the rise from £5.65 to £5.80p per item. an increase of 2.7 per cent. out the Government defended the increase, which will raise £336 million for the National Health Service, claiming that it was one of the lowest rises in charges in 19 years.

Alan Milburn, the Health Minister, also said it was the first time since 1981 that the rise was below the rate of inflation - now 2.8 per cent and represented a cut in real terms of 0.1 per cent. Although Labour persistently criticised prescription charge rises while in opposition, the party's election manifesto made no commitment to freezing or

But Tony Blair's official spoke man confirmed that all health charges are being looked at as part of the comprehensive spending review. At present prescription charges apply only to 20 per cent of people and one option being studied is to charge welloff pensioners. To offset this, the Government is considering restoring free eye tests and

BY JAMES LANDALE

THE Lord Chancellor will be

questioned by MPs today

bout the £650,000 refurbish-

ment of his official residence at

Lord Irvine of Lairg's ap-

pearance before the Public

Accounts Committee will be

the first time he has come

under public scrutiny since his

close involvement in the reno-

vation project was revealed in

elderly, at a total cost of about. 600 million.

Yesterday's prescriptioncharge rises were widely criticised. Bob Abberley, a spokesman for Unison, the public services union, described the increase as "unpalatable" and said that it would cause distress to many

Simon Hughes, the Liberal Democrat health spokesman. accused ministers of applying a double standard. For the last 18 years, Labour criticised each rise in prescription charges as a tax on the sick. Now, as the Government, they are doing exactly the same." Maples, Shadow

Health Secretary, said: "Acts of breathtaking hypocrisy are becoming an everyday occurrence for this new Labour Mr Milburn countered:

"This is one of the lowest prescription-charge increases for 19 years and the first time since 1981 that the charge has fallen against the rate of inflation. The increase allows us to protect the contribution that the charges make to the NHS income, which is important in maintaining services

But doctors, chemists and patient groups all warned ministers that the increase in prescription charges would deter many people from ob-

MPs to question Irvine

a leaked letter published by

going to take any pomposity

and condescension. He may

be Lord Chancellor but we are

the guys who are elected and

we are quite determined to

said that they would question

him about the advice he

received from officials and ask

him whether he realised how

Tories on the committee

hold him to account."

One MP said: "We're not

The Times.

dent of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, said: The rise may well be small, but for some people it will be the final straw which will prevent them from obtaining the NHS treat-ment they need.

"It is now routine for patients with prescriptions for several items to ask the pharmacist not to dispense all their medicines because they can

to pay for them all. Other patients may well be deterred from consulting their GP in the first place because they know they will not be able to afford their treatment." George Rae, chairman of

the British Medical Association's prescribing sub-committee, said that many of the 20 per cent of patients who had to pay for prescriptions already felt unable to afford them. "Instead of putting up charges the Government should carry out a radical overhaul of the charging system to remove the anomalies which make it inequitable," he said.

Claire Raynor, president of the Patients' Association, said the amount of money the 15p would raise was not worth all the trouble that it would cause. This is just the same as charging people to go and see their doctor and that is not what the NHS is all about. Paying for medical care erodes

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Lord Irvine will also be

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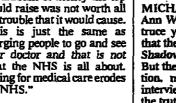
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Tory enemies manage a show of mutual praise that Miss Widdecombe was heading for a place in the.

Side by side: Ann Widdecombe and Michael Howard last worked together at the election

MICHAEL HOWARD and Ann Widdecombe declared a truce yesterday after reports that they are about to become Shadow Cabinet colleagues. But their apparent reconciliation, made public in radio interviews, is a long way from Mr Howard still blames

Miss Widdecombe for destroying his faint hopes of securing the Tory leadership last summer with her trenchant criticism of his sacking of Derek Lewis as director of the Prison Service. The redoubtable Miss Widdecombe, who described Mr Howard as possessing "something of the night, has not reversed her view that, as Home Secretary. he misled the Commons over

For months they have not exchanged a civil word but on Sunday they spoke on the Shadow Cabinet. They both agreed to go on the BBC Radio 4 Today programme yesterday, but at different times. Neither wanted to be on air with the other.

Mr Howard praised Miss Widdecombe for her effectiveness in opposition, describing her as an "awkward customer" for the Government to handle

For her part Miss Wid-decombe, Prisons Minister during Mr Howard's time at the Home Office, said: "I paid tribute . . . to his qualities as Home Secretary. Now he has made some very kind remarks about me. Time moves on . . . we have a task in common. It's a tremendous task and both Michael and I want to be a part of it."

In praising Miss Wid-decombe, Mr Howard was bowing to the inevitable. Her promotion is assured and

cious response on his part many MPs who listened to the interviews nearly cut themselves shaving. One said: "I was flabbergasted. They ignore each other or he glares at her. I have never observed

any warmth." That view was shared by friends of both. "One Tory source said: "They hate each other. There's been talk of burying the hatchet but I'm not sure where Michael and Ann would bury it if they had the chance.

As for the prospect of sitting next to Mr Howard at the Shadow Cabinet table, Miss Widdecombe maintained her diplomatic posture. Relaions between us are never likely to be very warm. But I am glad that you do not need to be lovey dovey to have a good working relationship in politics. I am not sure we will

Saddam must be delighted at divided foe

MILITARY action against Iraq has been postponed, not abandoned. The Baghdad agreement of a week ago offers a respite, but probably no more. That is the view of the main policymakers in Washington and London, though it has not yet been publicly acknowledged on this side of the Atlantic.

Kofi Annan's success in defusing the immediate crisis has highlighted the widely differing international attitudes to handling Iraq. The predominant view in Europe and the Middle East is of admiration for the his efforts, and relief that a dangerous military operation with muddled objectives has been avoided - so the United Nations inspectors can continue their task.

The Clinton Administration and the Blair Government have taken a friendly but sceptical view of the Baghdad agreement. They agree that it has reinforced the authority of the UN, but believe that Saddam Hussein only made concessions because of the threat of military action. The United States and Britain have no faith in his long-term willingness to abandon the development of weapons of mass destruction. On their view, there must be no let-up in military preparations until Iraq has allowed the UN team to carry out its inspections and it has been able to destroy chemical and biological weapons over a lengthy

The key factor is not the presidential palaces but other "special sites" throughout Iraq that are suspected by the inspectors of containing weapon facilities. American and British officials doubt whether Saddam will allow the inspectors full and continuing access to these sites. Hence the discussion in the UN Security Council about a new resolution warning of very severe consequences' if Iraq bars the UN inspectors. There is disagreement between the United States and Britain, on the one hand, and Russia and, to a differing extent, France, on the other hand, over whether,

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own justify the use of force. But there is no doubt that the Climon and Blair Administrations are determined to take immediate military action in face of further traqu obstruction.

However, unlike Blair, President Clinton is under strong pressure to go even further and remove Saddam from power. The Congressional Republican leadership has been so hostile to Mr Annan's mission to Baghdad that he has postponed a trip to Washington since Senator Trent Lott. the majority leader, refused to meet him. Congressional leaders have been critical both because they believe it is wrong to trust a "mass murderer" like Saddam and because they distile the Uni-

Threat blunted page 17

ted States accepting the authority of the UN. But, as Sandy Berger, the

President's national security adviser, wrote in The Washington Post over the weekend, the Clinton Administration still opposes military action to remove Saddam because "the costs in blood." treasure and political isolation" are not justified. The most that the Clinton team seems prepared to consider is a stepping up of contain-ment to isolate Saddam

within Iraq. - The shift in the political. debate in Washington over the past week presents prob-lems for Mr Blair, at home and in the rest of Europe. He is under criticism on the Continent for failing, as president of the European Council, to develop a common EU position, or at least to try to present a collective European view on his visit to Washington four weeks ago. Saddam must be delighted that his foes are so divided about both ends and means.

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Mystery of missing antiquities sold by Sotheby's



The Mahu statue sold by Sotheby's for £16,000

Police reopen case 37 years after

Egyptian artefacts disappeared

from castle, writes Stewart Tendler

POLICE are investigating a mystery surrounding Egyp-

tian antiquities that disappeared from a country mansion in 1961 and were later sold by Sotheby's to foreign dealers.

Hector Binney, an antiques collector, is alleged to have stolen the pieces while looking after Denys Eyre Bower's collection at Chiddingstone Castle near Edenbridge, Sotheby's in 1989 for £43,000 by Arabella Binney Kill-ander, Binney's daughter. who was executor of his

Kent police have reopened the case and a hunt has begun on the international art market to find the pieces, which are thought to have changed hands four or five times. Both collectors are now dead, but detectives expect to interview Mrs Binney Killander this

3,500 years old. They include a statue from the reign of Tuthmosis III from 1540-1292 BC depicting a kneeling figure of a priest known as Mahu. Other pieces include a stele, or gravestone, from 712-30 BC, and a basalt carved head 1783-1550 BC.

They were bought by Bower, a former dealer and eccentric collector who began acquiring pieces in his early 20s. In the 1950s he bought Chiddingstone Castle. The 120-room 19th-century castle became home to hundreds of antiques, including the Egyptian collection, furniture and Japanese works of art. But in 1957 Bower, 51, shot

and wounded his former fiancee after she had ended their engagement. The woman, 22, who styled herself a countess but was a dental receptionist from Peckham, South London, was not seriously njured. Bower was given life.







Hector Binney, left, looked after the Chiddingstone Castle collection while Denys Eyre Bower, right, was in jail

Binney, the cousin of the Earl of Cardigan, as custodian, according to Ruth Eldridge, managing trustee for Chiddingstone Castle. Binney, another eccentric collector, left the castle after a dispute in 1961. Later that year, Bower, released on licence, noticed that the Mahu sculp-

ture had disappeared.
Binney twice told police that the statue had been in the castle when he left, but it and found, Binney died in 1986 at his home at Pampis

ford Hall, Cambridgeshire. Bower died in 1977 and the castle became a charity open to the public Last year a private history of the castle and Bower's life was published. An Egyptologist read the book and reported to the trustees that the missing Mahu carving had been sold

by Sotheby's in 1989. Miss Eldridge then discovered that four missing pieces had been sold for a total of £43,000 by Mrs Binney Killander. Estimates of the

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similar figure and £150,000. Miss Eldridge said she understood the pieces were sold to dealers in France and Switzerland. She believed Sotheby's should have done. more to check the back-ground of the pieces.

Sotheby's said that it had been completely open about the ownership and had listed the pieces to the estate of Hector Binney. A spokeswoman said there was nothing to suggest otherwise. because in 1989 there was no

spokeswoman added that Sotheby's was taking the matter extremely seriously and had been in touch with the police, the trustees and the

Mrs Binney Killander said that she had learnt of the dispute only recently and was surprised to hear about the allegations. "As far as I am concerned, these are part of my father's estate. My father's collection was enormous. I did not know a great

Judge guilty of sexual harassment stands down

By RICHARD DUCE

A BARRISTER and part-time judge has stood down from trying cases after the Bar Council found that he had sexually harassed two female

After the Bar Council fined him £500, Christopher Sutton-Mattocks agreed with the Lord Chancellor's Depart-ment that he should halt all work as a Crown Court recorder pending any appeal against the ruling. He is believed to be the first judge against whom a harassment claim has been made.

Claire Kavanaugh and an unnamed barrister had com-plained that Mr Sutton-Mattocks, who is married, had molested them and requested sex. Mr Sutton-Mattocks, who sits on the London and South East Circuit, which includes the Old Bailey, had strongly denied the claims.

Mr Sutton-Mattocks was not at the Temple chambers run by the leading criminal barrister Desmond de Silva. QC, yesterday. The chambers clerk said: "We don't know where he is. We think he may

A spokeswoman for the Lord Chancellor's Depart-ment said: "The Lord Chancellor does not condone any sort of sexual harassment. He [Mr Sutton-Mattocks has agreed



Sutton-Mattocks: denied women barristers' claims

not to sit as a recorder until the

It is not clear whether Mr Sutton-Mattocks, who was educated at Oxford, intends to contest the findings of the Bar Council's three-man panel. but he has 21 days to appeal against last week's decision. The fine imposed by the council, the professional body for barristers in England and Wales, is at the lower end of a disciplinary scale that includes the power to suspend or

The second barrister came forward to support Miss Kavanaugh only after learning that the case had been reported to the Bar Council.

Miss Kavanaugh, 25, said in a statement to the council that she had asked her pupil master if there was anything she could do at work. "He said he would like to 'take me over the couch in the robing room'." She also complained that he had pestered her outside her hotel room during a trip to Calais.

The unnamed woman said most aspects of working with Mr Sutton-Mattocks had been "exceptionally good", but she had transferred to other chambers because he made a number of passes. That was the end of the matter; she had seen him since and they remained on good terms.

However, her statement added: "I do not feel I can - or should - conceal incidents of a similar and relevant nature that occurred during my pupillage." Mr Sutton-Mattocks said in

his statement to the Bar Coun-

cil that Miss Kavanaugh had never made a complaint to anyone else in their chambers. The robing room at Guildford Crown Court is small, with people coming in and out all the time, and has a large plate-glass window facing the car park. I cannot think why she should have chosen to make a complaint of

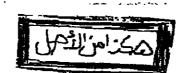
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Yeltsin sacks his deputies' guards

FRO. I ROBIN LODGE

PRESIDENT YELTSIN issued a directive yester-day depriving the leading reformers in his Cabinet. Anatoli Chubais and Boris Nemtsov, the First Deputy Prime Ministers, of their official bodyguards, along with those of ten other senior members of his administration.

The move was dearly aimed at undermining the authority of the two men, who are regarded as the most powerful figures in Russia after Mr Yelisin himself Mr Nemtsov, in particular, is cited as a possible successor to the

presidency. No reason was given for the decision, which fol-lowed a Cabinet reshufile at the weekend widely seen as a reassertion of power by Mr Yeltsin, who has expressed his dissatisfaction with his Government's performance, parti-cularly over the economy.

Last month be gave an assurance that Mr Chubais and Mr Nemtsov would remain in their jobs. at least until 2000. despite earlier criticism of

both men. ☐ Burial approved: Mr Yeltain yesterday upheld a Government decision to bury the bones of the last Tsar, Nicholas II, and his family, uncarthed near Yekaterinburg in 1991, in the Romanov family vault in the Peter and Paul fortress in St Petersburg.

Germans hail emergence of rival to Kohl

HELMUT KOHL is in trouble. That was the message trumpeted by the opposition Social Democrats who yester-day confirmed that Gerhard Schröder would be their challenger to the German Chancellor, and, less predictably. by the conservative media.

For the first time in an election campaign that has languished for months like a yacht in windless waters, Herr Kohl has a serious rival and is running scared. The questions being asked by many Germans are how quickly the Kohl coalition Government will unravel and whether the Chancellor's dream of a tight-ly integrated Europe will

evaporate. Herr Schröder, who was reelected on Sunday as Prime Minister of Lower Saxony with a 47.9 per cent share of the vote — a postwar record — was treated as a hero in Bonn by the Social Democratic executive board, which confirmed him unanimously as the official contender for the leader-

ship of Germany. In doing so, many swal-lowed private doubts. Herr Schröder is not loved in the party. He plays truant from the regular Monday executive meetings and has not bothered to cultivate a Schröder

The nakedness of his ambition, declared early and forcefully, has set him apart in a

The Chancellor has to rediscover his vote-winning

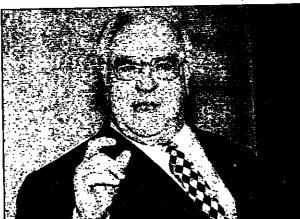
> touch, writes **Roger Boyes**

ened of power. The party preference is for Oska: Lafontaine, its chairman, whose commitment is to nurturing social democratic values, even though there is some uncer-

tainty about what they now

But at a news conference yesterday. Herr Lafornaine gave Herr Schröder the party blessing, in the manner of a Roman emperor tugging the ear of a favoured gladiator. Herr Schröder's job is to beat Herr Kohl. After that, the party will reassert control and Herr Lafontaine - dubbed the Vapoleon of the Saar, partly pecause of his height — will become the secret ruler of

First, however, Herr Kohl has to be beaten. Suddenly yesterday, this seemed possible. In Lower Saxony, the liberal Free Democrats crashed yet again, failing to secure a parliamentary seat. If they fail at a national level on September 27, Herr Kohl is doomed. His Christian Demo-



Helmut Kohl discussing the results yesterday

only together with the Free Democrats or in a grand coalition with the Social Dem-

ocrats. He says he will not preside over a grand coalition.
Analysis of the regional election on Sunday shows that Herr Schröder is winning over Christian Democrats - 28,000 switched allegiance — and also mobilising non-voters (142,000). The Germans respected Herr Kohl as a strong man. Now Herr Schröder is

identified in this way.
The Chancellor's traditional election-winning assets — somehow he always managed to twin his campaign with economic recovery — are also dwindling. Economic growth this year may be as strong as 3 per cent, still largely export-led, but it is not making much of a dent on unemployment. Opinion polls consistently place Herr Schröder higher in terms of economic competence than the Chancellor.

Within the CDU, Herr Kohl is credited with almost magical powers in winning elec-tions — he has led the party to victory four times. Yet closer examination of how narrowly he won in 1994 shows that this skill may be over-rated. It would take only 72,360 Germans to change their secondvote preferences for the Social Democrats to become the strongest force in parliament. That means converting 221 voters in each constituency. The Chancellor is on a knife-

dge. His one hope is to stir up an image of a swirling, uncertain world in which he is the only reliable anchor. He is particularly adept at this mood management. A glance at what a Social Democrat-Green coalition might do shows that the Chancellor still has room for

Red-Green coalition would be at constant loggerheads over the fundamental rift between economic growth and environmental protection - between jobs and nature. Nobody is more aware of this than Herr Schröder, who sits on the supervisory board of Kohl is hoping that he will be Germans in one of their most



Gerhard Schröder hugs his wife Doris after the state election in Lower Saxony confirmed him as Helmut Kohl's main challenger for the German leadership

Volkswagen; the car industry seen as the protector, rather is a prime target of the Greens. Herr Kohl must frighten the Germans and then ask them to trust him. That is how he has sold the euro - as the only reliable answer to a war-torn. continent. Two thirds of Germans are hostile to the euro. but the same proportion say it will happen anyway. Herr

anxious periods. To be sure of beating Herr Kohl, Herr Schröder has to exploit the than the destroyer, of the German currency. disgruntlement of the nation.

It is thus the euro that is rapidly become Herr Schrö-He will stop short, however, of der's first challenge. The key euro densions will be taken in early May, some four months before the general election. In

campaign; the party, and in particular Herr Lafontaine, will not permit him to stray too far from the Kohl line.

full-blown Euro-sceptical

Scientists put out feelers to create robot bug

FROM ROBERT WRYMANT IN TOKYO

JAPANESE scientists have succeeded in creating an insecr robot by fusing the antennae of a moth with a wheeled robot containing an electronic

The prototype "cybugs" have been developed by Japan's foremost university research centres in Tsukuba and Tokyo. The scientists hope to harness future versions to carry out tasks, including missions to help to get rid of locusts and other pests.

The driving force for the cybug is the power of a female insect to hure male suitors. Male insects are attracted by a pheromone, a sexual chemical secreted and released by the female.

To create the prototype, the researchers removed the antennae from a male silkworm moth and integrated them with a tiny electronic unit. When the antennae detect the pheromone of the lemale, they generate weak electric signals that are processed by a microchip with a neural network similar to the neural system of the moth. The chip directs the movement of minute wheels on the robot, an inch to an inch-and-a-half-long, towards the scent of the female.

Although detached from a moth's body, the antennae continue to function and can activate the electronic circuits

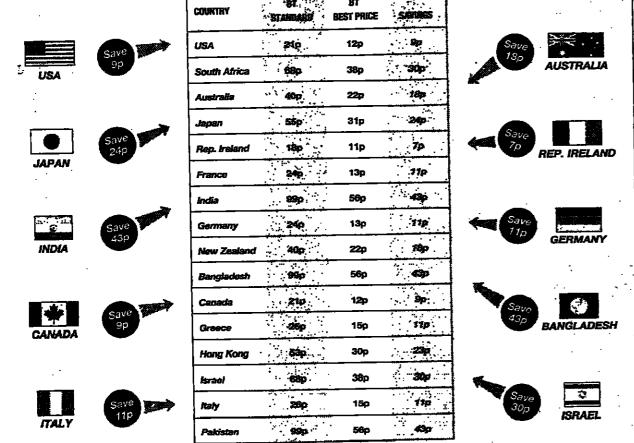
for three to four hours.

The primary purpose of our study was to undertand how an insects tiny brain processes information. Mr Kanzaki said. "We succeeded in developing techniques to observe the actions of the insect brain and to reproduce the insect's neural system using electronic circuits."

Mr Kanzaki believes that various "species" of insect robot can be made to serve people in a variety of ways. Imagine a bee robot. If we can manipulate the queen, we can control a swarm of bees. If we make a locust robot, then we can control hordes of

Yet another application is to fit moth robots with tiny cameras and dispatch them to inspect inaccessible areas.

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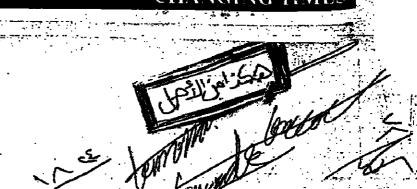
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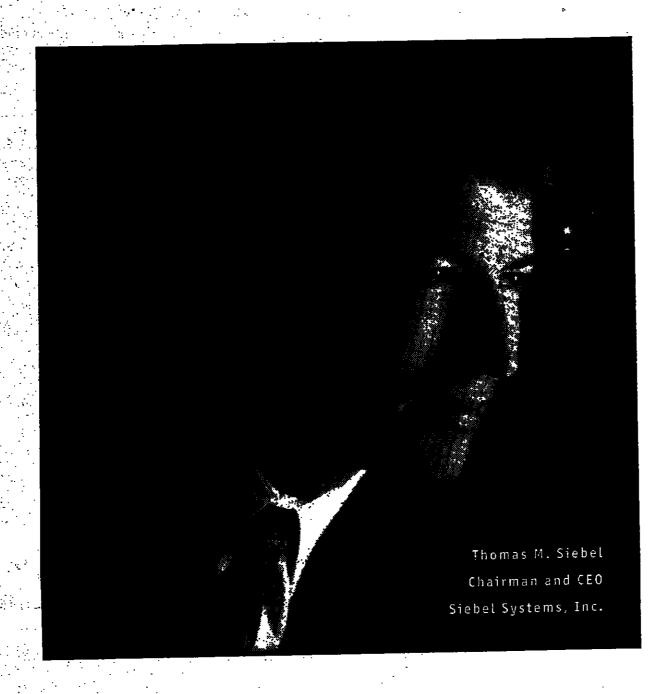
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Object of bungled mission was murder, says Mossad agent



Netanyahu: being told not to appoint outsider

AS CONTACTS continued between Israel and Switzerland yesterday to free a Mossad agent detained in Berne last month, a senior Mossad officer said the true purpose of the bungled operation had been assassi-

nation and not bugging as claimed.
In an interview with The Times. the officer, serving under Mossad's Brussels-based European directorate, said that the target had been two businessmen suspected of help-ing Iranian-backed Hezbollah (Party of God) guerrillas to acquire biological and chemical weapons from Eastern Europe and ship them to the Middle East via the Balkans. Swiss officials refused even to confirm that Hezboliah, armed and

financed from Tehran, was the

target of the Mossad operation,

Switzerland*.

A senior Israeli intelligence officer says that the hit team arrested in Switzerland were on the trail of two businessmen with Hezbollah sympathies, Kevin Dowling and Christopher Walker report

of Liebefeld.

saying only that the Israeli agents to the building in the Berne-suburb were working against "an organisation active in the Middle East. which has no formal ties with

The Israeli officer, who asked not to be identified, said that one of the targets had been Abdullah Zein. whose telephone, according to "the sanitised version", was in the process of being bugged when a sus-picious neighbour called the police

According to the Mossad officer's account, the plan was to murder Mr Zein, 32, a Shia Muslim from southern Lebanon who had lived in Switzerland for several years, and the other businessman with the same poison that had been misused so disastrously last September when a Mossad hit team failed to assassinate Khaled Meshal, the Hamas

The Mossad source said: "The attempt on Meshal's life failed when, instead of spraying the toxic into his ear, from where it should have travelled to the brain, causing haemorrhage and death within six to 18 hours, the poison struck his neck and collar." He added: "The Israeli spy fin Bernel was caught in possession of 'suspicious objects', according to the Swiss police It appears these were deadly aerosol. sprays developed by Mossad chemists. When a bulb concealed in the paim of the hand is squeezed, a powerful nerve agent squirts though a nozzle protruding from the clenched fingers of the agent's fist."

political leader, in Amman, the operation in Switzerland had been Jordanian capital. approved by Danny Yatom, then the Mossad chief, in an effort to salvage his reputation, and that it had been opposed root and branch" by career officers within the service. He said that that was why

"R", the chief Mossad field officer, resigned abruptly late last month and that the resignations of three more senior agents in the operations branch would come soon. The officer who spoke to The

Times appeared to be motivated by a desire to influence the appointment of Mr Yatom's successor, now a subject of heated argument within Israel's defence establishment. Senior figures are trying to dissuade Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, from appointing another outsider, like former Major-General Yatom, unfamiliar with the world of covert intelligence.

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The disgruntled officer, interviewed in England, said that at least one member of the squad that bung-led the assassination of Mr Meshai had been among the Mossad team arrested in Switzerland on the night

of February 19. of February 19.

The source said that the squad travelled to Mr Zein's flat in two hire cars. It consisted of two supposed Israeli couples posing as students who had flown from Tel Aviv to Zurich on February 17. ostensibly en route to a skiing holiday, and the "technician" who was to carry out the assassination. It was not clear when the poison attack was supposed to take place.

Italy declares Tehran free of terror links

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

LAMBERTO DINI, the Italian Foreign Minister, yester-America and some of Rome's European partners, including Britain, by using a visit to Tehran to exonerate Iran from any association with terrorism" and insisting that the country's arms build-up offered "no cause for alarm".

Signor Dini, the first European Foreign Minister to visit Iran since the EU revoked its ban on ministerial trips there barely a week ago, said President Khatami had assured him that Iran "does not support international terrorism in any way, whether by states or by individual groups ... on the contrary. Iran condemns terrorism because it has itself suffered from it".

The EU diplomatic embargo was imposed last April after a German court ruled that the Iranian leadership was behind the murder of

Berlin restaurant in 1992. Ital-"moderate" President Khatami, elected last May, Iran had taken a "new direction". Signor Dini described the Tehran leader as "a cultured man with a clear vision of Iran's future, who seeks dialogue with the United

States". Iran was "not a dicta-

torship, but an Islamic state based on the Koran". Il Corriere della Sera newsaper said the real reason for Italy's "indecent rush" to take advantage of the EU opening to Tehran was "the race for commercial advantage in the Gulf ... both Iran and Iraq are being eagerly courted by Rome". Iran has a quarter of the world's gas and oil re-serves, and Italy receives 17 per cent of its oil needs from

But Signor Dini maintained that Iran was "evolving much faster than is observable from

that he would make the point "openly and frankly" to Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, when she visited Rome next weekend.

Signor Dini said it was over a year since any terrorist attack has been attributable to either Iran or Libya". There was "no proof" that Iran was involved in the financing or training of terrorists.

He said the Iranian arms build-up had to be "followed closely", but Tehran's arsenal was limited to "its own defence needs". Its dimensions were 'not sufficiently large to cause undue alarm ... the problem has to be seen within the context of regional conflicts and the balance of power".

On human rights, Signor Dini said the West tended to measure Islamic states "by its own values ... rather than talking of human rights, we should talk of civil rights, which in Iran are guaran-



President Khatami greets Lamberto Dini of Italy, the first Foreign Minister from Europe to visit Iran since the EU revoked its diplomatic embargo, which was prompted by the murder of three Kurdish dissidents in Berlin

said that "behind the scenes" Signor Dini had called on Iran to lift its fatwa condemning Salman Rushdie, the author. to death for "insulting Islam" in his book The Satanic

Italy has long advocated

pariah states such as Libya. Iraq and Iran; and recently opposed the planned Anglo-American military strikes against Baghdad. Last October, Signor Dini said there were "welcome signs" that

Italian colony - had "backed away" from terrorism. Italian officials said Rome hoped to become the first Western capi-tal to re-establish ties with Tripoli, diplomatically isolated since the 1988 Lockerbie

CORRESPONDENT

Iran's judicial system, Ayatollah Muhammad Yazdi, issued a decree yesterday banning the temporary detention of suspects "before they are tried and a verdict has been issued" except in emergencies, the official Irna news agency reported. (AFP)

condom factory for China FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN BELIEVE

British

A BRITISH joint venture to make condoms in Chi-na, the world's most popu-lous country, was signed yesterday by the British makers of Durex and a

British officials hailed the project, the first condom joint venture in Chi-na, as the "first fruits" of the Britain in China cam paign launched in Jannary by Margaret Beckett. President of the Board of

This is good for the UK in that it shows a British company coming into China and being successful," said Ruth Fazakerley, regional marketing manager of the London International Group, the world's leading condom manufacturer and maker of Durex.

Initially the joint venture will make 158.4 million "Du Lei Si" condoms annually at its factory in Qingdao in Shandons province. The British firm's partner in the £4.25 million venture is Qingdao Latez, one of China's leading condom makers.

London International Group, in effect, will be contributing to the success of China's one child-perfamily policy, besides reducing the spread of HIV, although company officials denied that they were getting into the "controversial" family policy area. practised gross violations of human rights last year, Amnesty International reports today. It adds that the police arbitrarily de-tained possibly thousands of protesters and suspected opponents of the Government: (AFP)

AT RISK

Fatima secret 'foretold Gorbachev peace role'

BY RICHARD OWEN

THE world was saved from nuclear war in the 1980s by the rise of Mikhail Gorbachev, knees to ask the Pope for forgiveness" for the "sins of Communism", according to a new account of the so-called Secrets of Fatima".

The "secrets", allegedly given to three Portuguese children by the Virgin Mary in a series of visions in 1917, have long been shrouded in mys-

three, Lucia dos Santos - now a 91-year-old nun - wrote anti-religious persecution" afdown the apparently apoca- ter the 1917 Revolution, and its lyptic message and passed it to ine vancan in 1944. The first two secrets are said

to involve "visions of Hell" and "calls to the world to repent", but the third is known handful of close advisers.

Italian newspapers yesterday reported that Sister Lucia had confirmed to two cardinals who visited her that the

tery. The only survivor of the secrets revolved around Russian "military aggression and withdrawal from the brink of later after its abandonment of Communism and "reconversion to Christianity.

The cardinals have not dionly by the Pope and a vulged what Sister Lucia told them. But an account by a religious writer who was also present is to appear in the Portuguese monthly Christus, and parts have been leaked.

They allege the key event time of high tension over which averted nuclear war came when Pope John Paul II "dedicated Russia to the Virgin Mary and prayed for ia's conversion ter's Square in March 1984.

"Exactly a year later, on March 25, 1985, Gorbachev was elected Soviet leader," Sister Lucia told the cardinals. "He was the unwitting instrument of God."

It is not clear what might have triggered a nuclear war in 1984-85, although it was a collapse of Catholicism.

THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE

President Reagan's "Star Wars" space weapons programme and the deployment Vatican in 1989.

The Pope hinted in 1980 that the visions involved "the deaths of millions of people in the flash of a second", but some theologians have suggested the third secret predicts a "universal loss of faith" in the next millennium and the

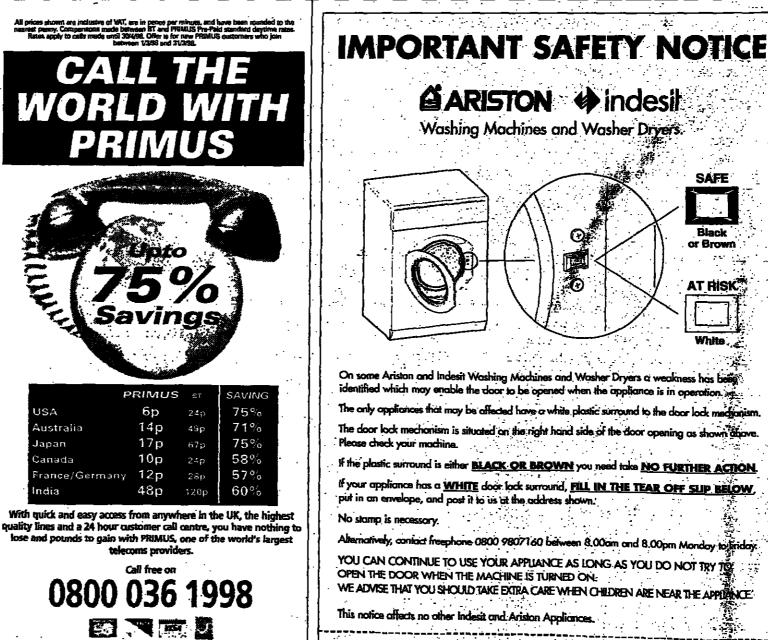
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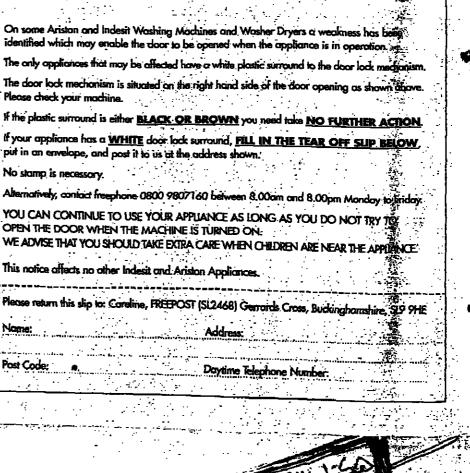
warning from Clinton sian Government announced that inflation for last month

Suharto faces reform

monthly figure since the chaos of the 1960s. Reports from Washington vey to President Suharto of have hinted that Mr Clinton is likely to block the next US\$3 billion (£1.85 billion) tranche of the \$43 billion that neging on reforms agreed the IMF has promised Indonesia unless Mr Suharto hastens







OVERSEAS NEWS

Serbs try to quell Albanian revolt in Kosovo

SERB riot police yesterday attacked a crowd of nearly 50,000 Albanians marching through the streets of Pristina, the capital of Kosovo, where the majority of the population now actively seem to support secession from Yugoslavia

in some of the worst vio-lence seen in Serbia in a decade, scores of demonstrators were beaten up and police gave vigorous chase to journalists, especially television cameramen who witnessed the bloody clampdown.

Local television reported one dead in the demonstration - shot by police - and 150 injured. Two of them were in

Films and videos were confiscated or ripped apart, and in one instance police forced a cameraman desperately attempting to save his tape to jump from a second-floor window. In his fall he broke an arm and a leg, and witnesses say he was again kicked and punched on the ground.

Tension in Pristina increased in the afternoon, when a Serb policeman - killed in Albanian secessionist fighting over the weekend - was buried on the outskirts of the

More than 1.000 angry Serbs watched a special police unit fire a volley of shots over the coffin. The Albanians are expected to bury their 16 dead today and tomorrow, and at least 100,000 mourners are Army, were debating how best

The violence in Kosovo threatens to spill over into the worst-case scenario long pre-



Ethnic unrest raises Balkans

fears, writes

Tom Walker

in Pristina

compromise with the West in

dicted by Balkan analysts: an his bid to suppress the revolt. Albanian fight for autonomy that could split apart what remains of Yugoslavia, led by President Milosevic, and encourage similar struggles for independence among Albanian and other communities in the Former Yugoslav Republic

. Macedonia and in Last night Kosovo's political parties, from the pacifist Democratic League of Kosovo to the warmongering supporters of the Kosovo Liberation Inerable pockets. to continue their struggle against President Milosevic, who for the moment brooks no

barded with teargas, while others were openly beaten up.

Most Serbs side with him, believing that Kosovo, the seat of the Orthodox Church and the site of the last-ditch battle in 1389 that presaged 500 years of Turkish rule, is sacred

The predictable clampdown by the authorities yesterday began in mid-morning, when more than 500 riot police. supported by special Interior Ministry units in black uniforms, formed cordons dividing the demonstrators into

The lucky ones were doused by water cannon and bom-

The police chased some terrified demonstrators into buildings, including the offices of the local Albanian newspaper, Koha Ditore, from whose windows the injured cameraman jumped. As some Albani-

drove his car through a crowd of Albanians, injuring several. The exact numbers of those hurt were impossible to judge. as Pristina's main hospital was blocked off by the police. Many injured Albanians pre-

6 The violence could split apart what remains of Yugoslavia ?

ans began stoning the police, the fissures in Pristina society became open wounds. Serb students began hurling rocks at Albanian students, who are educated in a parallel university system, and one trate Serb

ferred to stay out of the state hospital, and several were treated in the Mother Teresa clinic near the town centre. A British diplomat helped to drive some of the injured to safety. At the police funeral

thrown against a wall and warned that he would "be shot the next time". The Serb security forces are paranoid that the Western media are portraying the Albanian guerrilla movement as

Serb police beat ethnic Albanians in Pristina yesterday. One demonstrator died and at least 150 were injured in violence as nearly 50,000 people marches through the streets

a romantic freedom struggle. A growing desire to take revenge against the local population was also palpable. "You'll find out who these guys are soon, just wait," said

later — in a cemetery lying just beneath the ancient fields

venerated as the site of the

Battle of Kosovo - angra

colleagues of the three dead

officers vented their frustra-

A Belgian reporter was

tion at watching journalists.

Serb police were shot dead by an Albanian whose car they

uneasy calm before sunset, the first detailed reports of the weekend's conflict in villages around Glogovac, 20 miles to the southwest, emerged. The

were chasing.
In the subsequent reprisals, Albanian witnesses claimed that Serb army and police

units opened fire indiscrimi-

one policeman, pointing to his black-shirted Interior Minis-

try colleague. "The Albanians

have destroyed this country,

A civilian walking by said

simply: "This is Serb land.

As Pristina sank into an

and it stinks."

Stop your lies."

nately. In one village an armoured personnel carrier was said to have drawn up beside a house and fired a cannon round through the front window, killing a couple on a sofa.

"The husband was trying to protect his wife: she had her face blown off," said one witness. Their four children were allegedly forced to lie face down in the garden for four hours afterwards.

As well as armoured personnel carriers, helicopter gunships aided the slaughter. They fired at everything that moved," said another witness. A pregnant woman was among the dead.

Macedonia fears spread of violence

FEARS are growing that the violence in Kosovo will spill over into the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, with the arrival here of a high-level delegation from the Belgrade Ministry of Justice.

The delegation is believed to be seeking an agreement with President Gligorov's Government to allow Serb forces hotpursuit rights over the border to arrest suspected guerrillas and to extradite them for trial in Serbia.

Serb security sources here fear that even if they can restore full control over Kosovo, Macedonia will remain a safe

FROM JAMES PETTIFER IN SKOPJE

haven for members of the guerrilla Kosovo Liberation Army. There is evidence that they are operating in the mountainous border between the two states, and some of the radical Albanian leaders of the Party for Democratic Prosperity mostly originate from Kosovo.

In the past two months, there have been bombings at police stations here which have been claimed by the guerrillas, and major arms finds near the western

mountain town of Gostivar. Albanian political leaders are planning to withdraw from all Macedonian institu-

tions if the former Mayor of Gostivar, Rufi Osmali, has to serve a seven-year jail sentence imposed for his part in last July's violent conflicts in the town.

The Serb request for assistance poses a dilemma for the Skopje Government. Serbia is Macedonia's biggest trading partner, and ethnic Serbs have always played a major part in Skopje life. Serbs and pro-Serbs are powerful in the key Interior Ministry. But with elections coming this October, total alienation of the 25 per cent Albanian minority is not practical politics for Mr Gligorov.



Women block Nato war games in search for missing relatives take them to Sarajevo, the

whose menfolk were probably killed when Bosnian Serbs captured Srebrenica almost three years ago caused a traffic jam in this northern Bosnian town yesterday to highlight their plight.

The demonstration delayed the start of five-day Nato troop manoeuvres in the area because military vehicles were trapped in the jam. Local authorities refused to Bosnian capital, to press demands for an answer about the fate of their relatives. The head of Tuzla canton

Sead Jamakosmanovic. said

that residents of Sarajevo had complained about traffic jams when the Srebrenica women visited two weeks ago. He said that he had wanted

to avoid confrontations and protect the women. About

In Sarajevo, about 200 Srebrenica women gathered to demand information about whether their menfolk were dead or alive. "I lost four sons. a grandson, my husband, two brothers and two nephews. But I have not lost hope," said Munira Zukic, 67. "I still hope someone is alive."

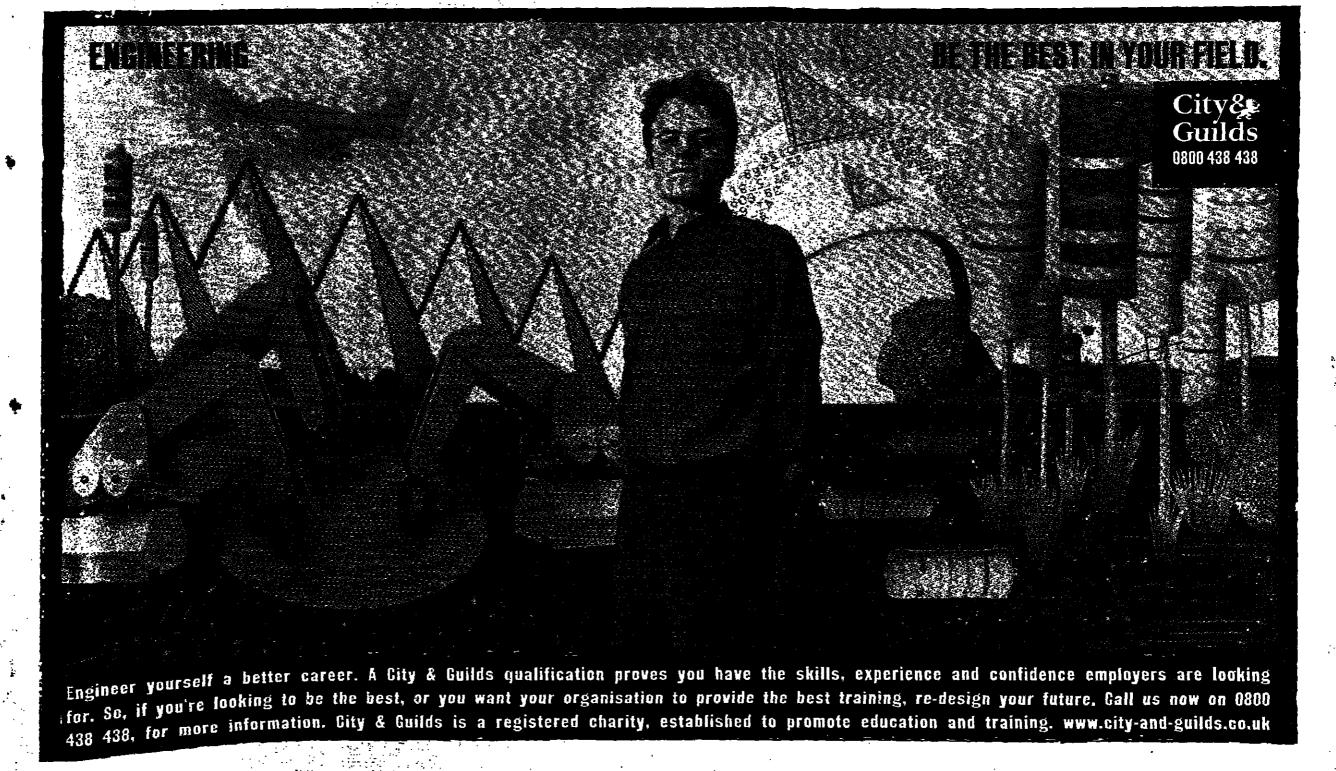
have been officially listed as

missing since the Serbs over-

ran the town in July 1995.

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Reagan 'failed to recover from shot'

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

RUNALD REAGAN never recovered after he was shot two months after taking office and his eight-year presidency, which has come to symbolise the sunny mood of 1980s America, was a private chronicle of mental and physical deterioration.

Edmund Morris, his official biographer, who for 12 years had access to the former President, his family and his personal papers, says that the 1981 assassination attempt triggered a "very, very slow and steady mental and physical decline".

That portrait is the most startling allegation in Mr Morris's long-awaited book, due out this autumn, and is echoed in a widely praised television documentary. The details of Mr Reagan's deterioration in office have emerged during a wave of glowing testimonies — obtuaries in all but name — to the historical significance of the Gipper", now 87 and suffering from advanced Alzheimer's disease.

Mr Reagan is now loved more than ever by millions of Americans for his simple conviction about the right mad to prosperity. Yet his presidency was riddled with contradictions: he favoured balanced budgets, but pushed the national debt to unprecedented

heights. He is one of the few Presidents to have spun a distinct ideology, of cutting taxes and getting government off your back", yet left Republicans deeply split over that philosophy. For those in work, he brought back the golden age; for those who suffered in the wave of redundancies, he brought a mood of insecurity that persists today.

But the greatest paradox is that a man who has become the yardstick for presidential popularity was so often remote, inarticulate, and inscrutable. In a four-and-a-half-hour, highly regarded documentary on the Public Broadcasting System, his son Ronald Prescot Reagan said: "Alzheimer's is a terrible thing... but some of the pain may be lessened by the fact that things haven't changed that much, in a way. We're not missing something that we had to begin with." In apparently affectionate remarks, the younger Reagan warned filmmakers: "You're not going to figure him out, that's the first thing you need to know. I don't think he's

figured himself out."

Mr Morris agrees: "What made Reagan uniquely difficult was that he was incurious about himself. There-

fore, he lacked introspection." Mr Morris sheds little light on one of the mysteries of the era: what Mr Reagan knew about efforts to sell arms to Iran and use the profits to help Nicaraguan Contras. "He was taken advantage of by aides, who thought they were doing his will, and probably were," Mr Morris told The New York Times. "But because of his remoteness, they never felt they had to double-check with him."

But Mr Morris confirms the "terrible secret" of the Reagan era, as Bob
Woodward, the Washington Post reporter, once called it, that the President's growing remoteness was
caused by a real decline in his faculties. In his second term, he spent
ever-longer holidays at his Californian ranch and made clear his dislike
of being briefed.

Mr Morris was given extraordinary access to the Reagan papers because Mr Reagan loved his 1979 Pulitzer-prizewinning biography of Theodore Roosevelt. In 1985, Mr Morris signed a \$3 million (£1.8 million) book contract with Random House for the Reagan work, putting work on a second Roosevelt volume on hold



President Reagan raises his hand after being shot in 1981 and glances up before being bundled into his car by agents

WORLD IN BRIEF

British food aid for North Korea

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BRITAIN is to announce a new aid package for North Korea, tomorrow after reports from the United Nations World Food Programme that the famine-hit Communist state could run out of grain within two weeks (Michael Binyon and Vactoria Fletcher

Details of British help were yesterday being finalised by the Department for International Development. Britain has no diplomatic relations with North Korea, and so Government help would probably be channelled through those aid organisations that have visited some of the worst-affected areas. The Rome-based UN agency said that up to 19 million people could go hungry if North Korea's own prediction of grain shortfalls were true. The WFP, currently feeding 4.7 million people, forecasts that food stocks will run out at about the end of next month, a worsening of the situation compared with last year when they lasted until June.

Mugabe threatens strikers

Harare Zimbabwean unions rejected government pleas to call off a two-day anti-tax strike, which President Mugabe has threatened to stop with force. The Government said it would deploy troops and police to prevent the stoppage planned for today and tomorrow. President Mugabe, Zimbabwe's sole ruler since independence in 1980, used soldiers in January to crush food price riots that killed six people. (Reuters)

Cardinal sex inquiry opens

Vienna: Vatican investigators opened an inquiry into a second wave of allegations of criminal sexual activity against Cardinal Groer, once Archbishop of Vienna, in a case that has rocked the Church in Austria (Nigel Glass writes). Days before investigators, led by Abbot Marcel Rooney, head of the Benedictine order, arrived here, the Cardinal was declared guilty by his successor and long-time apologist, Archbishop Schoenborn.

Mayhem halts Korea vote

Seoul: Maybern erupted in South Korea's parliament, halting a vote to approve Kim Jong Pil, nominated by President Kim Dae Jung, as Prime Minister. Ruling party members swarmed around screened voting booths and sat on the wooden ballot boxes, pushing away members of the opposition Grand National Party, who cast blank votes to block the appointment. (AFP)

Vietnam bus plunge kills 50

Hanoi: As many as 50 people, mostly women and children, are believed to have died when a bus plunged into a lake in one of Vietnam's worst road accidents, police said. Rescuers worked to salvage the bus, which sank after colliding with a cament lorry in the central coastal province of Binh Dinh. Thirty people were taken to hospital, half with serious injuries. (AFP)

Carlos loses claim for cash

Paris: Hich Ramirez Sanchez, right, the international terrorist better known as Carlos the Jackal, failed in a court here to win E32,000 compensation from Columbia-Tristar-France for Contract on a Terrorist, a film being planned on his life. Carlos, convicted in December to life behind bars for a triple 1975 killing in Paris, is facing trial for several other attacks. He claimed the film was an attack on his right to be presumed innocent (AFP)

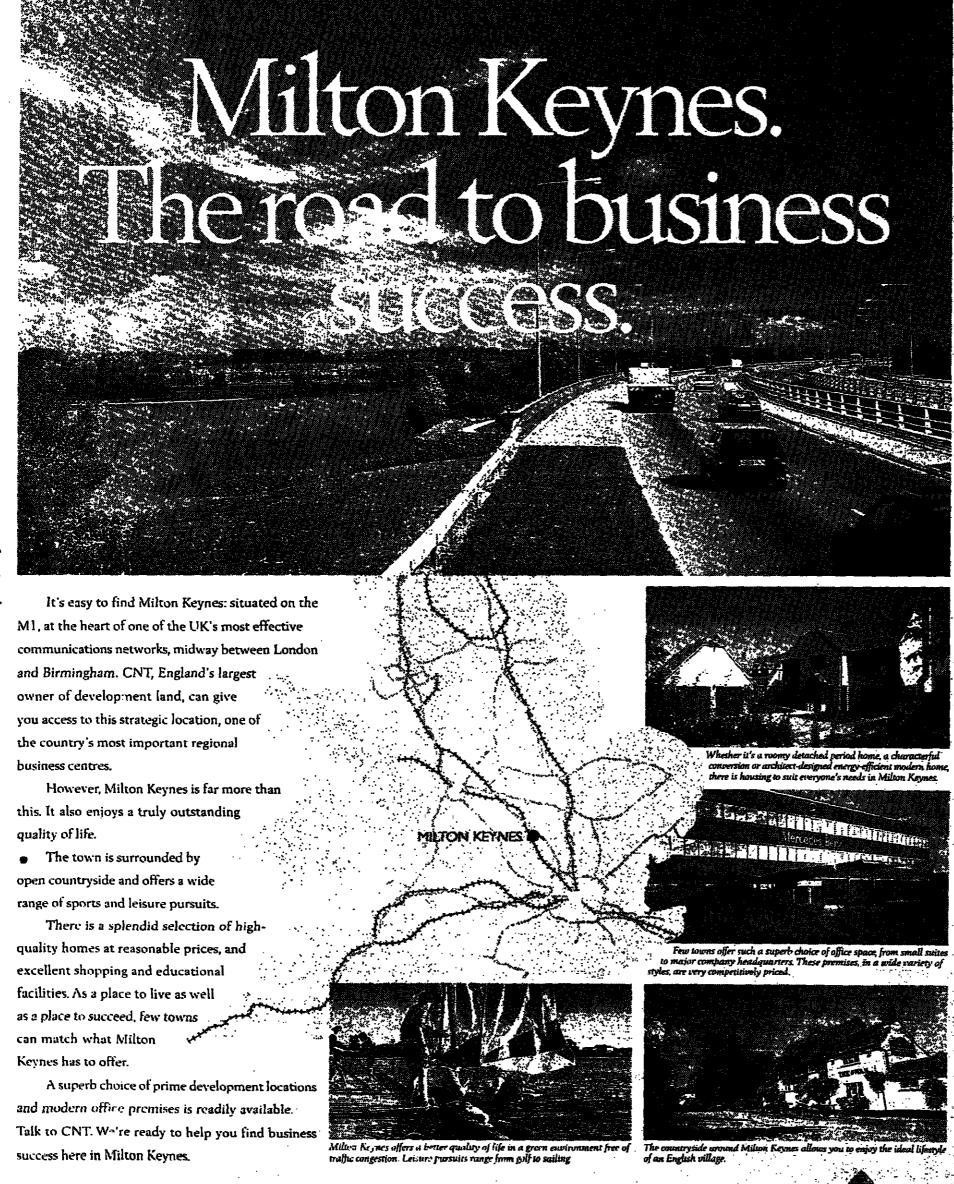


Nerve gas doctor faces life

Tokyo: The Japanese doctor who spread deadly Sarin gas on the Tokyo subway escaped the death penalty when prosecutors demanded instead that he be jailed for life. Ikuo Hayashi, 51, once a promising heart surgeon, has admitted being one of the Aum Shinrikyo sect members who released the nerve agent into the subway in 1995, killing 12 people. (AFP)

Dog given bad name is shot

Nairobi: A dog has been sentenced to death in Tanzania for answering to the name "Immigration" (David Orr writes). A magistrate in the southwestern region of Rukwa ruled that the name made a mockery of a highly respected government department. It is believed the animal has already been shot.



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Uranium risk for 400,000 Gulf troops'

A NEW controversy over Gul War syndrome was raised yesterday by a private report alleging that as many as 400,000 American and coalition troops may have been exposed to hazardous particles of depleted uranium.

Pentagon officials, while admitting there may have been thousands of unnecessary exposures, insisted there had been no known health risk. They said that 33 soldiers who were exposed to the ura-nium had been closely monitored for the past seven years and none had developed health problems.

Yesterday's report, which is considered alarmist by Pentagon officials and could further embarrass the Clinton Administration, was issued by the National Gulf War Resource Centre, a coalition of veterans' groups. Its estimate of 400,000 is based on surveys of the number of allied troops who reported having contact with destroyed Iraqi equipment.
Depleted uranium is a met-

al residue left after natural uranium is refined and all but a minuscule level of its radioactivity is removed. The residue is used in artillery shells and bombs for its effectiveness in piercing tank armour. When depleted uranium hits a target it usually burns and oxidises into small particles. If inhaled, they can be toxic.



Clinton: report could add to embarrassment

Victor Suell, a radio operator with the US Marines when they swept into Kuwait, says in the report that no one told them to stay away from destroyed Iraqi tanks that might have been contaminated. He now suffers from kidney problems and other ailments.

Until recently, the Pentagon office investigating links between the mysterious ailments of Gulf War veterans and troop exposures to a variety of toxins and chemical agents had insisted that only 27 soldiers may have been exposed to depleted uranium. It also contended that the troops. faced no health risks from their exposures.

But on January 8, in a report marking the first year of its

investigation, the Office of the Special Assistant for Gulf War filmesses made a sweeping but little noted - admiss that thousands of troops may

have been exposed.

It acknowledged "serious deficiencies" in what troops were told about the dangers of depleted uranium. It said the hazards were well documented, but unfortunately known only to technical specialists and were not relayed to troops.

The veterans coalition claimed that the Pentagon deliberately kept soldiers in the dark and failed to conduct immediate tests on those who may have been exposed.

They were aware that they had a problem on their hands and they were looking to minimise the public relations fallout from it," said Dan Fahey, the principal author of the study, who works for the Swords to Ploughshares Veterans' Rights Organisation in San Francisco.

Kurdish ailments: Ten

years after President Saddam Hussein dropped chemical weapons on the Kurdish city of Halabja in northern Iraq, its citizens reportedly continue to suffer devastating physical ailments and deformities. One account said damage had extended to victims' DNA, resulting in hideous birth defects that would continue for generations. (AP)



Petty Officer Scott Vanderpool greets his wife Alyssa in Norfolk, Virginia, on the return from the Gulf of the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz

Britain claims UN success on threat to Iraq

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

BRITAIN claimed last night to have secured unanimous support for a new Security Council resolution warning Iraq of the "severest consequences" if it breaks its weapons-inspections pact with the United Nations. But the draft stopped short of authorising renewed military action.

Sir John Weston, Britain's UN Ambassador, said a vote would be taken last night and that he would be

surprised if all 15 council members did not back the resolution.

Britain was seeking to send a stern warning to Iraq not to go back in the Memorandum of Understanding it agreed with the UN Secretary-General to allow the resumption of UN weapons inspections.

Negotiations bogged down for a time as other Security Council members sought to ensure that the British draft would not be interpreted as giving automatic authority for a new military strike on Iraq if Baghdad

breaks the agreement. Diplomats in the meeting said the deadlock was broken when Sir John gave an assurance that the resolution did not entail such "automaticity".

The text emphasised Iraq's obligation to allow "immediate, unconditional and unrestricted access" to UN weapons inspectors and gave a warning that "any violation would have the severest consequences".

The draft also committed the Security Council "to remain actively seized of the matter for the purpose of

present resolution and to secure peace and security in the area" - a provision taken by some members as a guarantee that council action was required for

any future use of force. Britain and the United States face stiff opposition within the Security Council to any proposal that appears airstrikes on Iraq if President Saddam Hussein goes back on his word.

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Clinton's privacy battle with Starr resembles replay of Watergate era

ECHOES of Watergate are growing louder in Washington as a feud intensifies between President Clinton and Kenneth Starr, the indepen-

The term refers to the principle of confidentiality for can-did discussions between an American president and his senior advisers. Its purpose is to protect the president and aides from having to answer questions in court about what

was said at private meetings. Mr Start has brought the issue to the fore with his invertigation into the Monica Lew by affair by issuing subpoenas ordering White House aides to testify before his grand jury. They include Sidney Blomenthal, a former journalist, and Bruce Lindsey, who has been at Mr Clinton's side since Arkansas days.

Ian Brodie reports on the growing legal feuding in the Lewinsky case

ing Mr Clinton's right to executive privilege. Now Mr. Starr and White House lawyers are thought to be preparing to argue the issue before a

Washington judge. In 1974, the Supreme Court formally recognised the principle of executive privilege when Richard Nixon appealed to the justices against having to release Oval Office tapes of his discussions about Watergate. Damningly, though, the Supreme Court also ruled that Mr Nixon could not use the privilege to shield his criminal behaviour. Publication of the tapes ultimately forced Mr Nixon to resign under the

dent counsel, over the issue of Both men have refused to threat of impeachment. Mark Kozel, author of a book on executive privilege, says it is

usually reserved for the most compelling circumstances, such as protection of national security. In the Lewinsky case, Mr Clinton may be using a losing argument. Mr Rozel said. So far, the White House has not officially acknowledged that it will claim executive privilege. It may well be mulling over the historic link to Nixon's downfall. Besides. Mr Clinton claimed, initially at least, that he wanted to cooperate with Mr Starr's

The summoning of Mr Blumenthal has pushed executive privilege to another level of whether his right to free speech under the First Amendment of the US Constitution is being infringed. Mr Starr has argued that the First Amendment is concerned with truth. but its wording makes no distinction between truth and

Mr. Blumenthal told The New Fork Times that Mr Starr's grand jury prosecutors asked him about advice he had given Mr Clinton and Hillary Clinton on how to respond to accusations that Mr Clinton had a sexual affair with Ms Lewinsky. He was also asked if he had any discussions about Mr Starr or his staff with the President and First Lady. In both instances, Mr Blumenthal said he declined to answer on the grounds that such internal discussions were covered by executive privilege:

Suicide watch on novelist after siege

IN NEW YORK

THE triumphant comeback of a promising American novelist, considered by some critics to be a Nobel prize contender. has ended in tragedy with the police storming her house and her husband killing himself.

Gavi Jones, 48, who had held a knife to her own throat during the police siege, survived unscathed and vesterday was on suicide watch at a

first novel in 22 years, The Healing, was hailed as a literary event when it was published last month. The dustjacket carried high praise from such literary figures as James Baldwin, Maya Angelou and John Updike for her earlier books, Corregidora (1975) and Eva's Man (1976).

A glowing full-page review in Newsweek magazine, however, revealed that her husband, Bob Jones, had changed his name from Bob Higgins and was wanted on a 14-yearold arrest warrant after brandishing a shotgun at a homosexual-rights rally at the university where she used to teach in Michigan.

Mr Jones had recently started harassing police and public officials in the couple's home town of Lexington. Kentucky, claiming that his mother-in-law had been kidnapped and murdered by racist doctors at the local hospital where

with the outstanding arrest warrant, officers went to the couple's home to take him into custody. When he turned on the gas in an apparent suicide attempt, a Swat team stormed the house. Mr Jones slashed his throat with a knife and died later that night.

Mrs Jones's odyss stunned the literary world. When Corregidora was published in her mid-20s, she was hailed as a literary prodigy.

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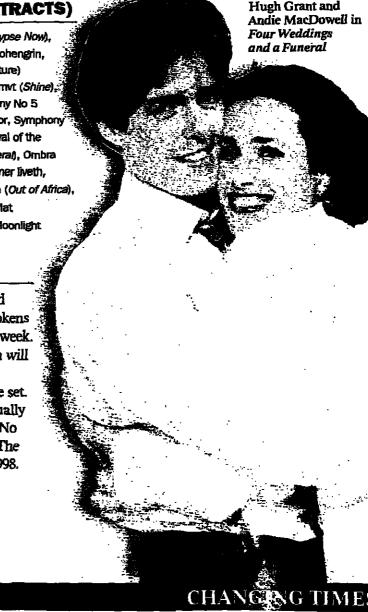
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How I fought against anorexia and bulimia

At four Marya Hornbacher thought she was fat. By 18, she weighed 52lb and was given a week to live. Interview by Jean Rafferty

prisingly, is not fragile or wispy or waiflike as you might expect from a recovering anorexic. Her hair is tied back into a severe bun and she is wearing geek-chic spectacles, the kind that make you look intellectual. She is an intellectual, who at the age of Z3 has written in Wasted a coruscating account of what it feels like to be anorexic and

She says something that women do not say in our society. She says she wants to gain 25lb in weight, maybe even 30. She thinks then she would look alive and energetic. Right now, she does not know how much she weighs. Her doctors think that information would not help her. For Marya, her body is a danger zone which she inhabits with a mixture of trepidation and vigilance. At the age of four she returned home from a ballet class, looked in the mirror and decided she was fat. At five she started holding her breath to keep her stomach concave. By nine she was bulimic, throwing up after school. At 12 she was

arya Hornbach-er is tiny, a fierce little pres-She was then 18, weighed 52lb

her husband very much. She will be unable to have child-ren. "I repret the physical and her body had finally had

> Yet she lived. The reasons are simple, she explains. "Being ill gets boring after a while and I got really annoyed when I was told I was going to die. I thought well then, I won't'. Also, it struck me that it was entirely unoriginal to be starving to death. I was curious: if I could get that sick, I could get unsick. So I did."

Now she sees the doctor every week and has to monitor her health, both mental and physical, in order to survive.
"I'm alive, which is really strange. I shouldn't be by all the medical evidence. So, given that I won't live to be 80, I can at least control whether it's 26 or 50." she says.

The medical consequences of her condition are devastating. Marya's heart is three quarters of the normal size. She has muscle erosion, a heart murmur and an ulcerated oesophagus which should be healing but isn't and gives her voice a Katherine Hepburn-ish rasp. She no longer has periods and often the mere thought of sex brings on headaches and stomach cramps, even though she loves

culture to think that." Her book is an excoriating condemnation of our culture and the pressures it puts on women: to be clever and thin; and nice and thin; and mothers and thin; and thin and thin and thin. We associate thinness with wealth and success; fat is for the poor or the stupid.

"You're doing what the cul-ture tells you to," says Marya. You have disgustingly hollow cheeks — and there's a little infantile voice inside your head saying: 'You want to see thin? Thin is not magazine models who've been digitally altered. It's scars on my knuckies, scars on my throat. Blood on the bathroom floor. Ribs that poke through my

ramifications enormously," she admits. "You just don't think about it. You think

everyone else will be damaged, not me'. After the first

time in hospital, I knew the

potential medical consequences but I kept doing it.

experience. It requires careful-

determination not to stare at

her figure. All women have an

observer inside their heads,

saying first of all how do I

look?" and then "how does she

would think, is at its most

acerbic inside an anorexic's

head. But Marya says not. "I

don't look at people with that

critical eye. Mostly I look at

their faces, anyway, but

healthy women look beautiful

whether they're classically

beautiful or not. I get furious with people who think that

overweight people are weak. I know too much about the

unrevealing clothes and a

Every last one came true

except that I'm not dead." Meeting Marya is a strange

Author Marya Hornbacher: the legacy of years of eating disorders has been a raft of medical problems and continuing unease with her body

why are we glamorising people who look as if they're dead? What's next? Are they going to model clothes on corpses or skeletons?

We're always talking about diet and weight and body and shape and size. We talk about nothing interesting. We say we do it to look good, but I don't buy that. We do it to feel whole, because we might fill up the emptiness."

In her case there was not just emptiness but fear — fear that she would not be good enough, fear of failure. Her parents were theatricals, her father a director, her mother an actress. Both, in their own to be "great". Both had come from critical, demanding families who thought they were better than everyone around them. Her father, emotional. needy and insecure, reacted by praising Marya to the skies. skin. It's all of these things. So Her mother was cold and self-constantly backs liding on Only her constantly jiggling the evening meal. On those • Wasted, Flamingo, £12.99.

sufficient, mortified that her daughter was failing in some her school subjects, her shame totally unappeased by the fact that Marya was brilliant in others.

"She was constantly trying to say really, you're not that big a deal'. She didn't want me to get hurt, but she was a little threatened. I don't think she'd ever met anyone as smart as her. It troubled her. Even now ... we had a very difficult discussion one day, where I said to her the only time you ever believed I was as good as you was when I weighed 52lb'." Her mother

hung up. The reproach highlights one of the many paradoxes of anorexia. In our society it is almost a competitive sport. As a survival mode it is clearly insane and therefore undesirable, but it requires such effort will that many women,

their calorie-counting, admire it. A frighteningly large number of us are simply failed anorexics, lacking the drive and willpower to sustain the effort. Marya has drive ferocious drive that is an asset as a writer but has messed up much of her life. "With anorexia you're doing it so well, you'll die of it," she says.

t 12 she wanted to go to college and was furious that her par-Lents would not let her move into her own flat. Her hyperactivity is partly chemical (her condition has been diagnosed as manic) but mostly "it's just the way you're cooked," she says, with one of the many unconscious references to food that scatter her conversation.

In person she is cool and controlled, in anonymous blue ieans and simple white shirt. foot betrays her nervous energy. She has an addictive, adrenalin-fuelled personality. When she smokes, she's a three-pack-a-day girl; when she went on an exercise kick. she worked out for three, five, eight hours a day. "I'll be between radio interviews for this book on eating disorders and I'll pop into the bathroom. drop my trousers and look in the mirror at my butt," she sighs. "Then I'll be back on air

again in New York." She is now happily married to Julian, whom she has known since they were both lo. They have a tight circle of friends who come round once a week for political and literary discussion and that most elemental of foods, soup. And yet. There is the constant battle with her disorder, the days when it just doesn't occur to her to take something out of the freezer and defrost it for

days, Julian has to cook. Marya must be the only person in Minnesota whose husband bought her a mobile phone because sometimes she just can't cope with food shopping. "What do you get in a grocery store?" she shrugs. "I'll have a certain time I have to be back, then he'll call me. I'll say 'I'm in aisle six, staring at the cake mixes. He'll say 'now it's time to come home' I'll walk out with milk and broccoli.

her that she looks fine, she says; though she is dangerousunderweight. And at first the observer inside your head agrees. But look closer - look as closely as she does, and you see that the cost of her disorder is written in her face, that her eyes look brilliant because they are set into a white. strained face: that her jawline is rigid with tension.



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Relief at last for a common weakness

The 284,000 country people who marched from the Embankment to Hyde Park needed reasonably strong bladders. Despite the lack of cover during the walk — Piccadilly and Pall Mall are without any useful hedges — facilities were available only at the start and finish of the demonstration.

Those whose bladders are notoriously weak and who suffer from an unstable bladder with symptoms of urgency might have been able to enjoy their morning more if they had visited their doctor recently to inquire about a new preparation. Detrusitol tolterodine, introduced by Pharmacia & Upjohn last week. This helps one of the many causes of incontinence detrusor instability, the "weak bladder" which some people suffer from all their lives. Doctors can help only those who

seek advice. A recent survey shows that British people are more embarrassed than those from any other country in Europe about discussing bladder function with their doctors. One in three of the British, as opposed to one in six

of the continental Europe-ans, felt so ashamed of their incontinence that they couldn't even talk about it in the privacy of the surgery. It is not entirely certain that, even if they had plucked up the courage to start the consultation, the GP would have been very informative.

Only 3 per cent of GPs interviewed regarded their training on the subject as completely adequate, and 14 per cent said they had had no training about it at all. However. 62 per cent did say that they had gained some knowledge about incontinence during general medical training, and 34 per cent had attended postgraduate tuinon about it. Just 9 per cent of family doctors have held medical posts which required a

specialist knowledge of incontinence. Incontinence is not only a problem for the over-65s and under-fives. Three million people in the United Kingdom suffer from urinary incontinence. Once incontinence has become a problem, many have to modify their daily life and outside activities. The sufferer has to undertake some forward planning before he, or more likely she, is able to contemplate staying with friends, travelling, or even marching around London.

Incontinence may also after their relationships with their family, partners and colleagues at work, and games once much

trial. The bladder is not an inanimate, balloon-like reservoir which empties when full. Its controlling mechanism is highly complex. The wall of the bladder is muscular with three different layers of muscle fibres which are known to the anatomist and surgeon as the detrusor

Once the bladder is about half full, messages are sent to the brain that the person had better start to prepare for urination. The reflex may be kept under control for a time until a suitable opportunity to empty the bladder is found.

During vrination the bladder muscle (the detrusor muscle) contracts and the sphincter muscles at the neck of the bladder, and the pelvic floor, relax. Patients who have an unstable bladder have an

oversensitive reflex which is triggered too soon, too readily and sometimes inappropriately. The result is argency — a

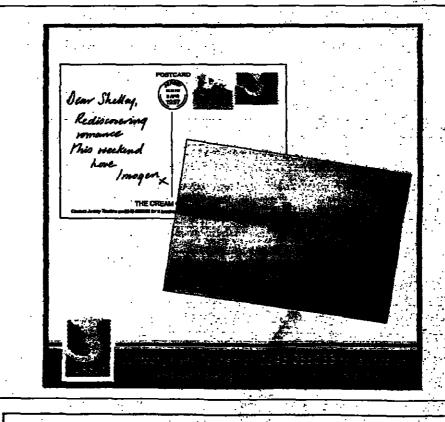
need always to rush; fre-quency — found in the person who finds it hard to sit throughout a film; and while the bladder is still filling. The new preparation Detrusitol blunts the sensitivity of the reflex.

There are other causes of incontinence as well as detrusor instability. The patient may have stress incontinence as a result of muscular weakness or damage whereby exercise, coughing or other straining exercises cause a leak; or overflow incominence in which the bladder is always full and therefore repeatedly slops over like an overflowing water butt.

Datients may suffer from more than one type of incontinence, and its Lecauses may lie in the bladder, urethra, pelvic floor, brain, spinal cord or bowel and anus. Sorting out the nature of the incontinence is the first stage of

Detrusitol is not a suitable drug for elderly men who are incontinent as a result of outlet obstruction because of an enlarged prostate, but it is more effective, and has fewer side-effects, than existing preparations for the treatment of bladder instability.

Even so, Detrusitol may cause a dry mouth, indigestion (particularly in those with a high hiatus hernia), some blurring of vision and drowsiness. Detrusitol doesn't







Jappint perfect

Kissing one of life's little pleasures goodbye

Every traveller's right to a tender send-off on the platform is under threat. Jane Shilling reports

t was a lover and his lass, with homecare, and you to the issuing a hey, and a ho, and a hey nonny ... "No, sorry missus. Yes. it's your I'm talking to. You can't do that here. I'm afraid. It's against the bylaws. Can't you see the sign? No kissing on the station, except within designated areas where it does not constitute an obstruction to other members of the public. Now, then, I'll have to ask you to move along, please."
Well, really. You don't have to have lipsynched your way through 365 showings of Brief Encounter to understand that nowhere in the world is as romantic as a station platform with the train about to depart. The Pont Neuf, the Spanish Steps, the Taj Mahal — you can keep the lot of them. The thing about railway stations is that however nasty and banal they may look, they are lent an unearthly glamour by the fact that what you do at them is part. Say goodbye. Suffer that little death that takes him off to his management position at B&Q

desk of the local children's library, perhaps never to meet again.

I mean anything might hap-pen. He might be squashed by an item of patio furniture. You might contract tatal septicaemia from a bolshy toddler. So what do you do on the platform? You give him a great big kiss, that's what. And off he goes, enveloped in that lovely golden glow that only parting can lend, until you meet again... (at 7.45, on account of the 6.40 having been delayed by an untoward incident in the signalling box). Would you let him go unkissed? You would not it would be, as Mrs Treverton of Warrington remarked, while kissing farewell to her husband, Warrant Officer John Treverton, as he set off for Plymouth, "a pretty

But then, if the Warrington Chamber of Commerce has its way, WO Treverton must brace himself against a future of miserable send-offs. For the Gradgrinds



ssing tells — is intended to tell — a story, such as these soldiers bidding loved ones farewell in 1935

Commerce do not care for kissing, unproductive activity that it is, taking place on the town's Bank Quay station. They feel it leads to congestion. "Nobody wants to

of the Warrington Chamber of curtail amour," said the chief executive, Colin Daniels, "but the world has to keep moving. A delegation of chamber representatives set off (unkissed, we

Chicago, a city where kissing is not just frowned upon, but has been stamped out by the introduction of regulations and prohibitive signs. These signs (they show a to plant one on his lady friend; she, in turn, appears to have rollers in - frankly, you wouldn't want to kiss either of them) took the fancy of the Warrington Chamber of Commerce, So much so that, if Virgin Trains agrees, the chamber will soon be making its discouraging presence felt all over

oh! Shame! Yet another infringement of our civil liberties is threatened. No rib of beef, no hunting - and now no kissing. I feel a march coming on ... Except that. Well, when was the last time you saw a couple kissing in public and felt the urge to go "Aaaah" rather than, say, fling a bucket of water over them? The kiss, that beautiful, graceful token of tenderness, passion and esteem, that inspiration to artists throughout the ages, is actually a tricky act to perform successfully in public. To bring it off you need to be not merely as beautiful as Celia Johnson and Trevor Howard, but as chaste. Dry pecks somehow speak more eloquently (at least to the spectators) than pious exchanges of body fluids. From a public point of view it

helps, too, if at least one of you is

way to, or just returning from, some frightful scene of conflict. This is because public kissing tells - is intended to tell - a story. The lovely young couple embracing wordlessly, then parting without a backward giance the 80-year-olds who cling together, reluctant to let go: that plump, plain woman whose handsome husband gazes anxiously into her face; as though he might never see her again ... Mr Daniels of the Warrington Chamber of Commerce will frighten them all away with his little signs. And with them, that more commonly seen example of the public kiss - the spotty teenagers with nowhere else to go, sucking and fumbling at each other like a brace of mating sea slugs. The sound-effects are revolting the end of the story not in doubt. The increase in decorum to be gained by their absence is probably not a

matter for regret. Still, if Mr Daniels has his way. it will alter for ever the spirit of Bank Quay station. No longer the scene of a thousand daily human dramas, it will become a mere transit point. Uncongested and no doubt magnifique in terms of moral hygiene. But lacking, some-

Happiness is the perfect revenge

. temnestra butchered her husband and his mistress in the bath. But last Saturday, Della Bovey achieved a far better result with a pair of Manolo Blahniks, thus solving the wronged woman's eternal dilemma - bow to take revenge without losing one's dignity, or worse, in the process.

For those not in the know, Mrs Bovey's husband, and father of her three children, left her for Anthea Turner earlier this year. There are several aggravating circum-stances, not least of which is that Della Bovey counted Anthea Turner as a friend. Ms Turner is also more successful and her media profile ensured that the whole country shared in Mrs Bovey's hamiliation. It is customary in such cases for the wronged wife to give a tabloid interview, which, at some point, descends into much of it levelled at The Other Woman. The most fam-

ous example was furnished by Vivien Merchant, when Harold Pinter left her for Lady Antonia Fraser. He didn't need to take a change of shoes, she told a journalist. "He can always wear Antonia's She has very big drank herself to beath at the

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Mrs Bovey eschewed this course. She gave one bright little interview to Helle! of the "I grew strong" variety, then kept quiet. Thus Mr Bovey and Ms Turner were lulled into a false sense of security, believing that the proverbial pet rabbit (of Fatal Attraction

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A jilted wife finds a new way to get even — and keep her dignity. **Grace Bradberry** reports



Grant Bovey and Anthea Turner: false sense of security

fame) was safe. And, indeed, it was. Della Bovey's revenge was not of the petty, deranged variety, the sort that makes an erring husband whistle with relief. All she did was to show up at the same party as the happy couple, and take to the dance floor in a scarlet Dolce & Gabbana dress and Blahnik stilettos. She danced into the early hours, they left, and unsettling sights for Mr Bovey than that of his estranged wife glowing with apparent happiness. Just like the marriage breakdown, it was not a private humiliation. The great thing about a showbiz bash -Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance breaking box-office records at Wembley Arena is that the paparazzi are al-

Mrs Bovey has not wal-



lowed in her triumph by giving interviews. Instead, her friend Kerry Ross, wife of the television presenter Paul Ross, another cheating husband but one who stayed with his wife. has given us enough detail to illuminate the dark areas. All of Mrs Ross's remarks

enhance her triend's selfrespect. Crucially, she insists that the two of them planned their Saturday night out before realising that Mr Bovey and Ms Turner would be esent — an important point lest Mrs Bovey be mistaken for one of those women who enjoys singing along to Gloria Gaynor after a couple of bottles of Chardonnay. Mrs Ross does admit to

there being some forethought. Mrs Bovey's self-esteem will, after all, be greatly increased by the world knowing that she played some part in the rout. We found out that after-

noon, and yes we realised it might be an ordeal, says Mrs Ross. But Della was in the better position because she knew they were going to be there. Preparation makes a big difference. To be surprised would be awful," she adds.

been quite difficult for Della," she says. "It's tempting, espe-cially when people are throwing money at you, to talk to the press. It's been harder for Della to walk away and say 'I'm not going to do that'. She's decided that the most dignified guns blazing."

She was, of course, right. The more outrageous the revenge of the woman scorned, the more ridiculous it seems in retrospect. Lady Sarah Gra-ham-Moon no doubt had a lot of fun distributing the contents of her husband's wine cellar on neighbouring doorsteps and slicing up his clothes, but in the long term, can it really have enhanced her selfesteem? The point about such a gesture is that it is definitely one for the girls", and is guaranteed to inspire conempt in men.

The clever thing about Mrs Bovey's little triumph is that it was also one for the boys. In pubs around the country tonight, men Will debate wheth er Grant Bovey hasn't made a

terrible mistake. But will this help Della Bovey? Will she one day come to rue those photographs in some degree, and discover that revenge, no matter how subtle, can never be sweet?

rofessor Petruska Clarkson, a consultant psychologist and author, suggests that misused. "Some people think someone. Then there are the childish acts, such as cutting the sleeves off all their clothes. At the other extreme are people who commit suicide on the marital bed of the person who has committed adultery. "I'm probably slightly or the side of whoever said that the best revenge is a happy life. That means withdrawing your anger from the person

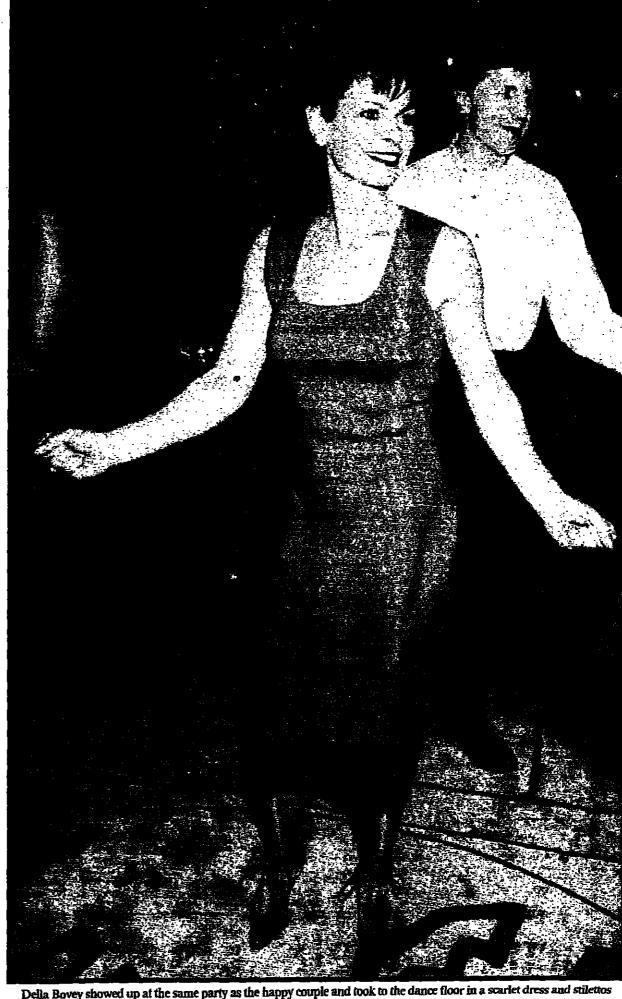
The Rev Dr Geoffrey Scobie. a social pyschologist at Glasgow University who is also ordained in the Anglican the desire for it, has a negative effect in the long term. "If vou've been hurt by some body, then you're controlled by that event," he says. "If you

still at the mercy of that event

who has hurt you, and putting

your energy into all the posi-

You have to be able to live without reference to such things," says Dr Scobie, referring to adultery and marital



Della Bovey showed up at the same party as the happy couple and took to the dance floor in a scarlet dress and stilettos

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The euro: how they got away with it

Yesterday Europe got its single currency, says Anatole Kaletsky

ou may not have no-ticed, but the European single currency, which was due to be launched on January I, 1999, has been brought forward. To all intents and purposes, the economic and monetary union loisted on a reluctant Helmut Kohl at Maastricht by Francois Mitterrand, opened for

business yesterday morning.

The mark, franc and lira have been abolished and from this week there are only three significant currencies left in Europe - the euro, the pound and the Swiss franc. The legal paperwork will, of course, take another ten months to finish. But, in financial market parlance, the merger between France, Germany, Italy and most of the other economies of continental Europe went "unconditional" last Friday.

What happened then was the publication of statistics showing that 11 of the 15 European Union governments had satisfied the convergence criteria for EMU laid out in the Treaty of Maastricht. These governments now have no option but to go ahead and transform their currencies into mere denominations of the euro. From January I, 1999,

the mark, franc and lira will be, in law, as closely related to one another as were the British florin. guinea and half-crown. The curo can no longer be thwarted by elections, courts or speculators. It is a fait accompli.

For Germany or any other country to try to stop the euro, or to exclude another country now that it has achieved statistical convergence, would involve an abrogation of solemn treaty undertakings, an act of international sabotage almost

tantamount to the declaration

Italy, despite its towering government debt, now pays only 0.34 per cent more than Germany for its ten-year bonds. This tiny differential is narrower than the spread between what different state governments have to pay in the United States. The fact that currency so steally for granted — that, to sell intents and purposes, the financial world is behaving already as if the mark, franc and lira had been merged - implies an unthinkable level of damage if EMU

tries were left out. The early arrival of a single currency with all II serious EU contenders prompts numerous questions. I will touch on iust one. How could the EMUsceptics (myself included) have been so wrong? The answer has two parts.

were somehow delayed or if

any of the 11 candidate coun-

First, the goalposts were shifted to ensure that everyone could score. This process began with the French Government's decision to rewrite the accounting rules of the France Telecom pension fund and treat this as an enormous reduction in the public deficit. Once this dodge had been approved by the European authorities, the floodgates were opened. Other governments had no trouble inventing similar gimmicks to make

their figures fit. In Italy's case the effect was more subtle. The Government was ready to make a serious effort to reduce its public deficit, but only if it could be sure of reaching the EMU promised land. Without creative accounting, this would have been impossible. But once France had broken the taboo on creative account-

ing, it became clear that Italy did have a genuine chance of hitting the targets by supplementing a tolerable amount of genuine belt-tightening with some French-style accountan-None of these dodges would,

however, have succeeded without the second, and bigger surprise. This was the strong support of the German Government and the Bundesbank, not only for France but also for member of EMU. German support was critical because both France and Italy could have been blown off course at any time by a serious speculative attack. The new French Government of Lionel Jospin explicitly stated that it was no longer prepared to fight speculation against monetary union with higher interest rates. Italy was even more vulnera-

ble, because its hopes of hitting the Maastricht criteria depended on the achievement of dramatic and stop it now continuous reductions in interest rates. But these rate reductions dependtantamount ed, in turn, on the

would be

chances of Italy joining EMU. As to war confidence grew in Italy's EMU chances, it began to enjoy a virtuous circle of lower interest rates and still lower deficits. Yet if the German Government or the Bundesbank had at any point cast a serious aspersion on Italy's membership chances,

the virtuous circle would immediately have gone into reverse. The lira would have come under attack, Italian interest rates would have had to be raised and the country's chances of joining the single currency would quickly have

nating question. Why did the Germans, who had been widely thought to favour a "narrow" euro, prove so obliging to Italy (as well as to Spain and Portugal)? Perhaps German industrialists were so worried about competing with Italy and Spain that they were prepared to aban-don their dreams of building the euro around a Germandominated "core" of northern European states. Perhaps it was genuine altruism. Or perhaps it was just another instance of incompetent German diplomacy which began when Herr Kohl allowed President Mitterrand to run rings around him at Maastricht, in exchange for French "agreement" to Ger-

man reunification. Whatever the explanation, the euro is now effectively the currency of Europe. Italy and Spain are members. And the Bundesbank, for decades the symbol of Germany's monetary domination of Europe, is now even more of a lame duck than Heimut Kohl.



Murdoch on the bone

ut here in the cold, bleak bitter countryside, chewing over the weekend's newspapers by a dead stove, I have come to my conclusion about the great story of the day. Despite nannyish attempts to protect me, and doomsday warnings of what it might do to my brain, I have concluded that all things considered.

I prefer Rupert Murdoch on the bone. You can keep your pallid, sanctimonious, filleted, minced-up vege-burger consensus. At least with the gamey, full-flavoured gristly T-bone version of a media tycoon you can make up your own mind which bits to spit out. I have followed every word of the dispute over HarperCollins's decision to drop Chris Patten's book, and still my

personal thermometer of outrage refuses to budge beyond blood heat. But then, I never was under the misapprehension that The News Corporation, which is the parent company of The Times, was owned by a philanthropic committee chaired by St Francis of Assisi. You do not have to be Sherlock Holmes to work out that Mr Murdoch is a businessman who owns lots of things and expects them to make money. It is not husiness in China, a country controlled by a powerful one-party state which can block businesses that offend it. Nor is it news that Mr Murdoch thinks very little of the

The only mild surprise is that his employees at HarperCollins bought Mr Patten's book in the first place: this suggests that in Britain, at least, the company felt unimpeded by its owner's known views. Perhaps they were fulled into optimism by the undeniable fact that HarperCollins has already published books condemning Chinese communism, like Jung Chang's Wild Swans. Certainly Mr Patten says that he expected no difficulty when he took Mr Murdoch's money.

former Governor of Hong Kong, Mr

However, at some level - we are not incontrovertibly sure which level. and the horror of big corporations is that middlemen often think more like the boss than the boss does himself the publisher decided that Mr Patten's views on China were too strong, and dropped him. In doing this the management of HarperCollins !reputedly not a very happy ship anyway) made graceless mistakes and wrote the kind of memos which Freedom of speech is not the issue in therow between Patten and his publishers

always get leaked. Mr Patten's editor try rather the Army's determination resigned with a flourish, and newspapers which hate Mr Murdoch leapt with glee on the story and ran it as though it were enormously important. They predicted that floods of top authors would flee the publishing house in disgust and that HarperCollins would be brought to

its knees" within weeks. Just one author - Simon Heffer has actually left so far. Comically, he was suddenly hailed as highly respected" and his book on Enoch Powell called "long-awaited", even by newspapers who normally think Simon Heffer is a

right-wing devil and the fewer books about the late Enoch, the better. Meanwhile, this newspaper — propcovered the story late and unemphatically. I don't know

you do (I live in Suffolk, nobody tells me anything). The Times's media editor, Raymond Snoddy, not a habitual liar, apologised on the radio for what he called a cock-up rather than a conspiracy.

A bad week for free speech, then? Hardly. There was never any question of Chris Patten being silenced, or even losing money. The book went to another publisher amid publicity to kill for. It is assured of fabulous reviews, because all the papers which hate Mr Murdoch will gush over it, and those he owns will fall over themselves not to be rude about it. Frankly, he could now publish the Shanghai telephone directory upside down and still get plaudits.
As for Mr Patten's views on China,

and its record on human rights, these have now joyfully been given far wider coverage than they usually get in the Western media. And Mr Murdoch himself - whether he pulled the trigger personally or not — is shot in the foot. Or would have been, if one had any reason to believe that he gives a damn what British

chatterers think of him. All in all, not a bad outbreak of free speech all round. If you want something to worry about in that line,

Lord Chancellor.

tor, who both applied unsuccessfully for the job as Irvine's adviser.

they have each launched claims for

alleged discrimination against the

Osamor and Croker claim the

good lord relied on the "old boys

network" in appointing Hart. But

Irvine's new courtier was shocked that anyone should suggest such a

thing: "I don't think Katherine had

■ LISA JARDINE, the exuberant

author and media don, asserted

last Sunday that the English novel

is dving because of its obsession

with "narrow subjects like adultery in Hampstead". Will Self, the

iconoclastic author, responded at

the Royal Society of Literature de-

bate: "As one who has committed

adultery in Hampstead and found it very pleasurable, I believe it fully

any hand in my appointment."

to sack Major Eric Joyce for his gadfly attacks on its class system. Just as the Pongo tendency seemed to be covering themselves with credit for artfully putting up with this maverick and his cheeky magazine, they flew into a rage and threw him out of home and job. He can't run to another army, can he? But since Rupert Murdoch didn't do it, the

coverage is muted. But to return to the Demon King himself, and other media proprietors. It seems to me that as long as there is more than one of them they do not matter over-much.

Mr Patten's book is

dropped by one company and others scrabble to publish it; a paper is slow on a story that etor, and a horde of others do that story with redoubled

anybody serious who relies entirely on one media outlet for their information, except perhaps a few very elderly Telegraph readers too deaf to bother with the radio. And the very rivalry between media means that consumers are increasingly sophisticated about the filters through which events are brought to them.

If The Mirror's front page is devoted to the fact that inside the newspaper is an interview with Trevor Rees-Jones, even the least reflective of its readers does not conclude that this is the key news of the day; just that The Mirror wants to sell more copies. If a Mail group newspaper has large pictures of Rothermeres sharing a joke, nobody thinks that this is because they are the most interesting people the Editor can think of. Observer readers in the time of Tiny Rowland learnt not to expect much criticism of certain African regimes (or not without the dickens of a public row). BBC audiences have given up expecting the corporation's redundancies to be analysed in its bulletins (another swath of jobs lost in radio production were announced last week). In the 1960s Lord Beaverbrook, a foe of

donment of talks on this subject by dictating across the Atlantic the Scottish Daily Express headline: "Jehovah has triumphed - the people are set free!"

Conrad Black, owner of the Telegraph group, once made it publicly clear that he disapproves of long skirts and likes legs. Since then there have been more and longer legs in an article on how to improve your own, and a paean about a garden designer in "high suede boots and a buttermilk miniskirt".

am not saying that every management léaves it alone unless to Lord Rosebery. And when colpensionable jobs on The Guardian) that you are "working for Wapping". you learn to point behind them and Blair?" and make a run for it in the

The cold fact is that the vast majority of media are run for profit. and owned and ultimately managed by people more interested in profit than in content. Murdochs and Rothermeres and Northcliffes and Blacks and Maxwells and Montgomerys and Hollicks make the money, administer the empires, take the losses, rarely get a kind word from anyone and earn the right to an occasional tantrum. It is up to elected governments to put limits on their power by making sure they are various enough, and keeping their companies within acceptable bounds

leave things out. It is up to journalists

It stretches from such sublimities to the faintly ridiculous. Note that The Daily Telegraph than anywhere else. Yesterday, page 16 bore six full inches of Ute Lemper's amazing pins,

media employee wakes up daily and thinks "How can I please the big boss today?", but certain cultures do tend to prevail. Oddly enough, this particular newspaper has fewer such ties than most, the main evidence of proprietorial influence being its price cuts. On the page, frankly, the rule seems to be that you write what you think in a way that interests or provokes readers, and the vertently ascribed a line of Browning leagues at media parties (usually in anchmomously say how "sad" it is say Oh, wow, isn't that Cherie

general stampede.

of decency, privacy, and truthfulness. It is up to readers to decide what to read. It is up to human rights campaigners to make a racket if we to floornce out if necessary. That's it,

episcopalianism, greeted the aban-HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT / BRIDGEMAN

AN APPEAL has gone out to Lord Gowrie to help to rescue two paintings in the Lords. The Meeting of Wellington and Blucker after Waterloo and The Death of Nelson (detail above), painted by Daniel Maciise, the Irish artist, and commissioned by Prince Albert, have hung in the Royal Gallery since the 1960s, but are fading. "It didn't help that, in the last century, they tried to clean them with bread," says Malcolm Hay, the curator. I'm sure Lord Gowrie, chairman of the peers' works of art panel, will ride to the rescue.

Royal spin

COLIN BYRNE, a member of the new Labour aristocracy, is thought to be one of the names being considered as a contender for the role. as the Queen's spin-doctor on £150,000 a year. The Royal Director of Communications will attempt to portray The Firm as relevant, a position he is eminently

consultant with Shandwick, the PR firm, worked closely with Peter Mandelson a few years ago and later for various charities run by ner was Julie Hall, Neil Rinnock's erstwhile PR chief. One problem might arise between Byrne and the ... Palace, however; he has been quietly providing advice for the anti-

qualified to fulfil. Byrne, now s . MICK DARKE relied on his memory of the slang in Starsky and Hutch to easure authenticity when beaning The Dead Monkey. The play, about an ageing Californian surfer, has its premiere this week in Hampstead Lucky then that the lead is to be filled by David Soul, the co-star of the class sic Seventies con series.

A German Blair to oust Kohl?

Roger Boyes on the man who would be Chancellor

Gerhard Schröder of surfing the Zeitgeist skimming the fide of German popular popular which is turning not only gainst Helmut Kohl, the Chancelor, but also European Christian Democracy. Certainly there is something of the chancer about Herr Schröder, the Social Democrat who, as a result of a thumping victory in regional elec-tions on Sunday, is now seen as the man most likely to topple Herr Kohl

in September in September:

He takes up causes from
Euroscepticism to Illegal immigration—gad promptly drops them if
the polls turn sour. It is precisely this feared by the Chancellor. Herr

Schröder is a moving target.

He is not, of course, Gerhard Blair,
despite some superficial similarities to the Prime Minister. But the strategist who crafted his re-election campaign in Lower Saxony --- where he remains state Premier until such time as he dethrones Herr Kohl — has distilled the Blair Method. Like Mr Blair, Herr Schröder faces the Mr. Biair. Herr Schroder laces the task of oursing a conservative administration that has grown arthritic in office. Herr Kohl has led Germany since 1982 and is the longest serving European statesman.

The German strategists concluded that the Blair Method had a reast five accounted to the concentration of the concentratio

exportable features. First, it found a way of mobilising traditional voters while poaching from the Centre. Workers were as concerned as the middle class about violent crime, poor schooling, juvenile delinquency and youth unemployment yet, under Herr Kohl, these policies had come to be regarded as the preserve of the Christian Democrats. Herr Schröder tried to reverse the trend and courted

the business community.

The Blair cookbook has the used to develop a mix of policies that is supposed to address the fears of unemployment, impoverishment and of Germany being left behind. Hierr Schröder learnt from Mr Bair how to make policy subordinate asperson-ality, while ensuring he did not appear charismatic. Germans have been schooled for 30 years to distrust charisma in their leaders.

The media has been used to create a consensus for change; Herr Schröder has played along, dying his hair to disguise the fact that at 53 he is not exactly a young buck. There are other lessons from Labour Herr Schröder has learnt to build temporarily coalitions with the party (particularly in North Rhine-Westphalia) and across the electorate. Above all, ing change by dressing up policy in familiar, almost Kohlian terms.

While all this may seem familiar. even reassuring to British observers, we should not imagine that Germany under a Chancellor Schröder is about to play follow my leader. There is a European shift away from Christian Democracy to the Centre Left but Mr Blair is its beneficiary, not its cause. The differences between the British Labour Party and German Social Democracy are of the most fundamental kind. Both were a reaction torapid industrialisation, but Germany's take off came 50 years later and its Social Democrats were coloured deep red by Marxism. Even when the party embraced the market in the 1950s, it remained a cradle to grave organisation. It was relatively easy for Mr Blair to make Labour electable. Winning elections: however, is only a marginal concern for many German social democrats.

Terr Schröder's function as an election-winner is thus rather despised, a diversion from the real task of organising work and workers to protect their rights from bosses. Many SPDs would rather have a week's extra guitanteed holiday than a year in government. Herr Schröder is beholden to this party; it will be his ball and chain. He needs his chairman, Oskar Lafontaine, to deliver unity. The latter will be Germany's secret ruler if Henr Schröder becomes Chancellor. Herr Lafontaine's influence would be simi-lar to that of Willy Brandt as party chairman during Helmut Schmidt's

It is here that the parallels with Mr Blair break down Moreover, a Chancellor politically handicapped in this way could spell trouble for Britain Even if Herr Schröder makes the Social Democrats the largest party, it will be Herr Lafontaine who steers the subsequent coalition negotiations. If, as seems likely, he moves towards an alliance with the Greens, alarm bells should ring throughout Europe. Such a government would be backward looking, weighed down with politically correct but unleasible goals for example, the idea that ever higher environmental standards will in some way create jobs. (More dustment). The Eurolighter, signed and sealed, will be up for negotiation again. So will any other sams cooperation with Britain and France. The Red Green vision of Europe and the euro is even more indebound

than that of Herr Kohl.

There for a change is aworthy slopes but it has to be elemined closely. What kind of change? In which direction? A weakly beverned Germany is as disturbing a prospect as the strongly assertive

Poetic Waugh

AUBERON WAUGH, the eminence grise of literary London, has Aunched an extraordinary attack on Ted Hughes, the Poet Laureate. Waugh, who in the flesh is charm itself, describes Hughes in his Literary Review as a "rotten poet" and his work as "pretentious drivel". The vicious critique, appearing in From the Pulpit, Waugh's anonymous column. comes after the hullabaloo in January stirred up by the publication of Birthday Letters, the poet's revelatory verse narrative about his life with

Sylvia Plath. Waugh (pictured left) dismisses "the excitement generated over Birthday Letters". He also announces that his magazine will not be reviewing Hughes's Tales from Ovid. his reworking of the ic which won this year's Whitbread Book Award.

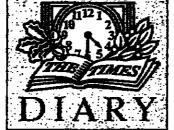
We decided to ignore it," spits Bron. "Ovid was a master of metrical form. Hughes, to put it mildly, is not. Where Ovid skipped and played in his own beautiful landscape. Hughes stumbles around in the mud ... It is not his fault he is a rotten poet, and much of the blame must surely attach to the insecure, fashion-conscious literary establishment which encourages him to write such pretentious

Andrew Motion, who halled Letters as a "thunderbolt from the blue", described Waugh's words as childish. "The Review has a very strict line on poetry, and poor old Ted would never score very highly



on Auberon's scale. It is difficult to tell if he really means it seriously. or if he is winding us up. Well, I refuse to be wound up."

• BARONESS THATCHER has suffered an act of treachery greater even than that dark night when her Cabinet colleagues forced her out of Downing Street. Grantham Town Football Club has sacked the town's most famous daughter as team president because she has missed too many matches. The busy schedule of an international elder stateswoman clearly holds



little water with Gary Mills, the coach who has taken the team to the dizzy heights of the Dr Martens Midland League. Thatcher has taken the stab in the back with all the grace she showed in 1990.

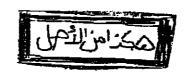
Hart bypass

THE bonds between Tony Blair and his Lord Chancellor become ever more close. Garry Hart, who takes up his job as special adviser to Lord Irvine of Lairg on Thursday, is, I can disclose, godfather to Katherine Blair, the PM's nineyear-old daughter.

While I have no doubt the godfatherly position ensures that the youngster receives excellent presents twice a year, it will greatly add to the annoyance of Martha Osamor and Jane Croker. Respectively a Labour Party activist and solicideserves its place in the British the Prince of Wales. A former part-

hunting lobby.

EDWARD WELSH, Herr Kohl's heyday.



Force of feeling

From Mr Neil Moore

from the country

Sir. Our new Labour Government.

less than a year after taking office and

with a little help from Mr Michael Foster and his friends, has just

It has succeeded in provoking the

largest protest demonstration in liv-ing memory (reports and leading arti-cle, March 2), perhaps ever, with marchers drawn from all sections of

society and all parts of the country.

The Government is widely per-

ceived as arrogant, blinkered and in-

sensitive, knowing little and caring

less about countryside matters. There are a number of different issues — the

beef on the bone flasco, hunting, dis-

proportionate council tax rises for

shire counties and so on - but the

theme is common. People are worried

about the future of rural communities

and rural pursuits and they are angry

about threats to freedom of conscience

If ministers would demonstrate a

willingness to listen and learn, rather

than preach and patronise, the better

Sir, I am amused that Sunday's

march was compared in numbers to

the poll tax demonstration of 1990

(report, March 2). There should be no

Nearly 100 per cent of this country's people were affected by the poll tax.

Yesterday's marchers were drawn mainly from about 3 per cent. Also

Sir, As a pig farmer I wish I knew how to get hold of Simon Jenkins's so-

called "pigmeat ... payments". The only pigmeat payments come from

selling in the market; were this not the

case I might be able to buy one of

those Range Rovers he sees about him. (Proof, if any further were need-

The CAP has made many UK farmers

into a "mendicant order". For that

they merit no sympathy. The real

problem is deeper. The countryside

has been mythologised by English

highbrow and popular culture, as

Brett Lovegrove (letter, February 28)

demonstrates: "Foxes and other wild-

life may not understand that being

killed by hounds is 'noble'." Quite

true, but foxes do not "understand"

anything; foxes are not reasoning

A society that shops in supermar-

kets is now demanding that its own

farms and small food businesses com-

ply with regulations of unparalleled

prissiness, while undercutting home

production with imports that do not

meet UK health, welfare and hygiene

standards. The projected ban of un-

pasteurised milk is a pathological

The terrifying thought for farmers

is that many people, some of them

influential, take Anchor butter adver-

Sir, The same Karl Marx who is

quoted in your leading article (Feb-

ruary 28) also gave due thanks to the

politically and economically ascen-

dant bourgeoisie for having liberated

us "from the idiocy of rural life".

tisements at face value.

Spelsbury, Oxford OX7 3JR.

From Mr Alan Hardwick

Yours faithfully,

Yours faithfully.

West Bridgford.

February 28.

ALAN HARDWICK,

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Grade A doctors

Glebe Farm,

March i.

NEIL C. DATSON,

obsession, not consumer protection.

However, there is a grain of truth. • *

ed, that he lives in London.)

this was a march, not a riot.

Onchors Farm, Great Saling, Braintree, Essex CM7 5DS.

it would be for them and for us.

St Mawes, Cornwall TR2 5DR.

From Mr R. W. Bucknell

and freedom of choice.

Yours etc.

Le Bercail,

comparison.

Yours sincerely

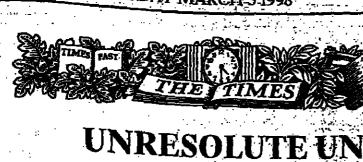
March 2

R. W. BUCKNELL.

From Mr Neil Datson

NEIL MOORE.

achieved a remarkable feat



A British diplomatic move that was destined to falter

When Kofi Annan went to Baghdad, he took to Iraq. After a battle that reopened the rifts with him a message whose content, after weeks of all too public disagreement, had been agreed by all five permanent members of the Security Council. It told Saddam consequences to the weaker "very severe". Hussein to expect "the severest con-sequences" unless he complied fully and unconditionally with UN-mandated weapons inspections. Iraq signed an undertaking which satisfied the UN Secretary-General that the Unscom teams can resume their work unimpeded. Within days. Iraq began its predictable attempts to wriggle free, by insisting that the small print restricted the authority of the UN's team of weapons inspectors. This has been rejected in New York; but it is a pointer to what the UN inspectors can expect

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Britain and America were therefore right to insist that a piece of paper signed by Iraq could not be taken on trust. It depended on the good faith of a man who has never shown any. But the relevant test is Iraqi implementation. The logic of the British and American positions was that Saddam had been formally warned of the consequences of any future obstruction and that, as Madeleine Albright has insisted, they had "the authority, the responsibility, the means and the will" to enforce compliance. Everything had been said that needed to be said.

Instead, the British Government has pursued a course that risked plucking defeat from the jaws of this highly qualified victory. France, Russia and China agreed to threaten Saddam with the worst only because they were convinced that America and Britain would otherwise take military action. For Britain to have sought yet another UN Security Council resolution, giving an automatic green light for the use of force if iraq misbehaved, was strangely naive. It ignored a basic diplomatic rule, which is never to ask governments to repeat commitments wrested from them only in the heat of

crisis, and then with enormous difficulty. The result, as Robin Cook should have anticipated, is a dilution, rather than a reinforcement, of the ultimatum presented

in the council, the US and Britain managed to fend off French. Russian and Chinese But the blank cheque for military action for which Britain hoped proved unobtainable.

The US and, Mr Cook's misgivings notwithstanding, Britain, have argued that the legal basis for military action already exists, both under the self-defence Article 51 of the UN Charter and under the ceaselire resolutions that Iraq signed in 1991. Britain's latest UN diplomacy handed France, Russia and China an opportunity to assert the Security Council's right to vote before force could be used. No sooner had the British text been published than they lobbied for a "circuit breaker" clause to block automatic resort to military action. They will claim to have secured that by implication; the Security Council is to "remain seized" of the matter.

The embarrassing result is that Britain's attempt to ensure a clear-cut outcome if, or more likely when, Iraq cheats could have the opposite effect. If Saddam was gambling that the unanimity of the permanent five was a passing cloud, British diplomacy has inadvertently helped to prove him right even before the accord has been put to its first test.

The paper negotiated by Mr Annan was vague at critical points, for example by failing to specify the "detailed procedures" to be followed when presidential sites are inspected. It also described the lifting of sanctions against Iraq as of "paramount importance" -- when the paramount issue is the permanent destruction of Iraq's capacity to threaten the world with banned weapons.

Precisely because the Security Council has been so reluctant to confront Iraq, these flaws made it vital for America, and Britain, to reserve the legal right to judge Iraq by its actions and to take whatever steps proved necessary. They have purchased unanimity at a cost they may regret. To a man as unwilling to be locked in as Saddam an unclear Security Council resolution is the diplomatic equivalent of a lock-picking kit.

TIME FOR A CHANGE

Hague will need new blood in his Shadow Cabinet

Those who despair of peace in the Balkans, the Middle East or Northern Ireland can take comfort from an unexpected source. The reconciliation between Michael Howard and Ann Widdecombe shows that the nest division an de overcome, ivii Howard has praised his one-time adversary. for her parliamentary effectiveness. In turn, Miss Widdecombe, who famously said that there was "something of the night" about the former Home Secretary, conceded yesterday that there was something of the day as well. This mutual appreciation owes more to logic than love. William Hague will conduct a Shadow Cabinet reshuffle shortly. The departure of Sir Brian Mawhinney will ensure that there is at least one vacancy. Miss Widdecombe seems set for promotion.

Mr Hague will also need to consider a much wider reconstruction of his team. When he became leader he retained almost all of the surviving members of the last Cabinet and asked Sir Norman Fowler and Lord Parkinson to re-emerge from retire ment. This was a sound interim strategy. His shell-shocked party could not have coped with too much change at once. It also meant that Mr Hague could place Michael Portillo, Sir Malcolm Rifkind or Chris Patten in senior portfolios if by-elections offered the chance. Sir Norman and Lord Parkinson have served with some skill and should stay in place for another year before returning (again) to their families. Others from the Major era are tired or implausible. and should follow the Mawhinney example.

The most important move in a radical reshuffle concerns, perhaps paradoxically, Peter Lilley. The most successful Tory minister of the last Parliament, he is the one figure from the past who is definitely part of his party's future. Mr Lilley is about to take for his prospective fresh future.

charge of a wide-ranging review of Conservative policy. If the Tories win the next election he should be Chancellor of the Exchequer. At present, though, it would be better if he concentrated on the manifesto. I NE I OFTES NEED THEIF OWN DRUISET TO TAKE ON Gordon Brown. That role does not easily fit Mr Lilley. Whether or not Michael Howard is part of the politics of the next century, in the more immediate future he could be effective in attacking the Treasury especially as the economy slows.

That shift would allow Mr Hague the scope for substantial innovation. Michael Ancram and Francis Maude are significant political actors. Mr Ancram has mastered the complexities of constitutional reform. That knowledge and his time spent in Ulster would make him an excellent Shadow Home Secretary - either this year or next. Mr Maude, who has both relevant departmental experience and a recent background in business, would be an imaginative choice as Shadow Foreign Secretary. He can articulate the more sophisticated Euroscepticism that the Tories must offer.

Most of the remaining Shadow Cabinet survivors of the Major period should be put out to pasture. Lord Lucan has had a higher profile than Stephen Dorrell. Sir Alastair Goodlad is not an essential element of a future government. There are replacements readily available. David Willetts should have been in the Shadow Cabinet - ideally dealing with Social Security - from the outset Liam Fox and Angela Browning, like Miss Widdecombe, are talented performers worthy of elevation. David Maclean should not languish on the back benches for much longer. Mr Hague cannot afford to wait for by elections to happen. He needs new blood

VOUCHER FOR A PRINCESS

Joint and two veg is no longer the British way of eating out

Perhaps it is her long experience of streak learnt while snatching a snack before another round of equestrian Olympics. Whatever the case, the Princess Royal has a quick eye for a bargain and knows that the offer of good food is not to be wasted. Her presentation of "Eat out for £5" vouchers. gleaned from The Times, as part payment for a dinner a deux, may have surprised the Gloucestershire restaurant. But it is wholly in keeping with Princess Anne's sound common sense, and a tribute to the success of participating restaurants in wooing diners to their tables on cold winter nights.

Eating out at a good country restaurant is one of Britain's newly discovered pleasures. City sophisticates have always had their favourite tables at fashionable bistros. The occasional hotel in the Highlands or the old manor set in a park of rhododendrons has also been part of the circuit for those with traditional tastes and cultivated palates. They have now been joined by hundreds of . intimate restaurants near babbling streams or on village high streets, where cooks are attempting to fulfil their dreams of opening

a cosy, family restaurant in the country. Two things have made this possible: the motor car and food guides. Most two-star

restaurants would quickly go bust if they developing countries. Perhaps it is a frugal relied on the nearby farmers for their customers as well as their produce. They must attract devotees from far and wide. And as with those who set out to venerate a local saint in ancient days, the men in blazers and ladies in sensible skirts who set out to pay homage to a locally worshipped chef find that the journey is an important stimulant in anticipating the least itself.

Culinary scriptures are even more vital. An amateur gourmet pours over good food bibles, comparing ambience, price and specialités de la maison. He peruses the recommendations of the weekend magazines. reads the biographies of chefs and discreetly sounds out the Joneses to find out which

restaurant they have just "discovered". Compared with France, the star system is not yet fully developed in this country, nor is the approval of the critics as absolute a determinant. But even in Britain there are few places out of reach of "a rather nice little place" where the hors d'oeuvres will be original and the pork succulent. The country restaurant is one of winter's treats: And those who respond to their wholly practical way of accepting vouchers to bring in custom in these lean months are treated royally - even when they are not royalty.

TERS TO THE EDITOR

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The chemistry of company mergers

From Mr Kenneth P. Armitage

Sir. Patience Wheatcroft ("Firms may merge but egos can't", February 25) may be correct to suggest that the reason why the proposed merger between Glaxo Wellcome and Smith-Kline Beecham didn't come off was because of the egos of the two fiercely competitive chief executives. However, mergers and acquisitions, whether friendly or hostile, tend to stifle rather than stimulate competi-tion and there is little convincing evidence that organisations create greater value once merged.

Such mergers are usually followed by consultants' advisory programmes on reorganisation and business process re-engineering de-layering of management through redundancies; downsizing of the workforce through further redundancy programmes; and, eventually, by outsourcing of non-core business activities.

All these management fads are designed to increase shareholder dividends, but usually at the expense of investment in research and development and programmes of training for growth and expansion. The result is gradual decline in activity and market share, that is until the next merger or acquisition. It is almost as if higher management training is designed to teach people how to improve the bottom line by reducing overheads but

not how to make organisations grow. A cynical view of management thinking processes? No, an assessment of the basic strategy practised throughout much of UK ple during the past decade. Perhaps it is not only the workers in Glaxo Wellcome and SmithKline Beecham who should be grateful that the merger has not, for the time being, gone ahead but also the public. As long as there is some kind of competition prices of some drugs may be held down.

Yours faithfully, KENNETH ARMITAGE, 6 Deben Valley Drive, Kesgrave, Suffolk IP5 2FB. February 25.

From Professor Emeritus Bryan Reuben

Sir, Mergers between large pharmaceutical companies are not always successful, as the Ciba-Geigy/Sandoz (1996), Bristol-Myers/Squibb (1989) and Pharmacia/Upjohn (1995) unions showed. The SmithKline Beckman/ Beecham merger succeeded in 1989 because it gave Beecham's products strong access to Smith Kline's excel-lent US sales force.

No such synergy was visible in the proposed merger between Glaxo Wellcome and SmithKline Beecham. Coming on the rebound from an equally dismal SKB/American Home Products initiative, it seems to have been poorly thought out.

The reaction of fund managers reflected the short-termism for which the City is notorious. Sacking research scientists means higher cashflows in the short term, paid for by lack of new products in the longer term. The senior fund manager whom you quote as saying that "The great and the good happily axe 5,000 or 10,000 jobs as long as they're staff. But when it comes to upsetting the odd ego in the boardroom, it's no deal" is cynically ignoring the fact that the failure of the merger saves the jobs rather than destroying them.

The research divisions of GW and SKB have been in a state of uncertainty for several years as a result of previous mergers. To prolong the uncertainty by another mega-merger would set back projects and lower morale even further. Scientists are human.

BRYAN REUBEN. 7 Clarence Avenue, SW4 8LA. February 26.

From Mr John Hill

Sir, Is it not surprising that, in the event of corporate mergers, executives find no problem in dealing with redundancies -- unless of course the redundancies are their own?

Yours faithfully. JOHN HILL. The Cottage, Kiln Farm, Elmsweli Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP30 9OR. pb45@dial.pipex.com February 25:

Retail record

From Mr Henry Button

Sir, The village store at Chipping in the Trough of Bowland, with a history going back to 1668, has been described as possibly "Britain's oldest shop". freport, February 16). Cambridge can do better than this.

George J. Gray, in Cambridge Bookselling and the Oldest Bookshop in the United Kingdom (1925), stated that he was "able to point definitely to William Scarlett as occupying the premises now known as No I Trinity Street from ISSI to 1617". William Scarlett was a bookseller.

as were later occupants. When Gray was writing, the building was occupied by Bowes & Bowes.

Since 1992 it has served as the showroom and bookshop of the Cambridge University Press, the oldest publishing house in the world.

Yours faithfully. HENRY BUTTON. 7 Amhurst Court. Grange Road. Cambridge CB3.9BH. February 21.

Dome a tonic — but without spirit

From Mr Tony Simpson

Sir. It is fitting that the Millennium Dome proposals were unveiled by Mr Peter Mandelson on the South Bank site of the 1951 Festival of Britain (report, February 25).

The millennium celebrations, like the Festival of Britain and the Great Exhibition of 1851, descend directly from what Roy Strong described as "the whole art of festival as it stemmed down from the Renaissance" (prologue to A Tonic to the Nation, edited by Mary Banham and Bevis Hillier, 1976).

There is nothing new about criti-cism of such "people's festivals". Similar fears and contempts - on grounds of cost, content, aims and bias - were directed at the Festival of Britain often more critical, though from similar sources. Mr Herbert Morrison (Peter Mandelson's grandfather) had in addition to contend with post-war shortages, recession, rationing and the Korean War.

To their credit the then Labour Government, Morrison and his team kept faith with the Festival of Britain project and the people. They delivered what was generally agreed, and fondly remembered (even by those of us unable to get to London), as a hugely successful "tonic to the nation", along with "monuments to the future" including civic buildings and community projects, libraries, playgrounds, etc. many of which have continued in use to this day. Sadly much of the 1951 Festival site was demolished by the

new Government whereas the Dome will hopefully be of use for 20 years

If Mr Mandelson, his Dome team and local projects can build on the success of past people's festivals they will also inspire us, give us joy and earn our thanks well into the millennium.

TONY SIMPSON, 3 Heol Cae Glas, Tondu, Bridgend CF32 9ER. February 25.

From the Reverend Julian Hardyman Sir. Simon Jenkins remarks of the

Millennium Dome (article, February 25) that "Celebrating the birthday of a religion or a civilisation may not be

the same as that of a person."
Like it or not, the millennium is the 2,000th anniversary (more or less) of the birth of a person - Jesus Christ. Yet the theme of the Dome is "Time", and its contents a celebration of the life and achievements of humanity. Even the "Spirit Level" section consists of a glass pyramid housing a display of the ways different faiths celebrate "rites of passage".

Your coverage gives very little sign that Jesus is going to be mentioned or celebrated anywhere.

Doubtless, in time, significant

improvements will be made; but these

will need to be tried and tested before

they are inflicted on the public at

large. Hopefully, that end is in sight,

come June this year, when the EU will

impose legally enforceable standards on all medical devices.

That will be a significant step. Until

JULIAN HARDYMAN, 96 Arbury Road, Cambridge CB4 2JF. jhardymän@ibm.net February 26.

Hip implant failures

From Mr John Watson-Farrar Sir. I believe that the problems caused

by the Capital 3M hip replacements (report, February 20) were inevitable. Having retired from my position as senior consultant orthopaedic surgeon at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital in 1991, and not having kept up with recent orthopaedic research, I

am now slightly bemused by stories from younger colleagues who tell me that metal-on-metal implants are now back in favour. In the very early days, some 35 years ago, there were four pioneers: the late John Charnley, my late col-

league Ken McKee and myself, and Peter Ring. The latter was not happy with the use of "cement" and devised a joint that could be inserted without relying (in theory) on it for fixation. As hip-replacement surgery gained m popularity, more and mo

geons became interested and this eventually led to the multiplication of the various types of artificial hip ioints that became available. A letter which I received from Charnley in 1965 essentially admits that there was no real difference between his joint and ours.

now, it has been a question of every man for himself — and, I suspect, every company for itself, since companies have largely funded the development and need to see a return on their capital investment. In 1977 I endorsed the attention given in a book which I was reviewing

for the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery to "the saleguards that should be taken in respect of joint replacement surgery in the future and the possible formation of a central body monitoring all such operations".

What a pity this was ignored and that it has taken long-foreseen problems and an EU directive to galvanise people into action.

New broom at Palace

Sir. The response of the Royal Family

to criticism that they have been hadly

advised seems to be to appoint

another (communications) adviser (re-

port, February 23), presumably to put

Surely a clean sweep would be more

From Miss Sylvia Sobernheim

gloss on the bad advice.

Yours sincerely, JOHN WATSON-FARRAR, The Croft. The Turnpike, Carleton Rode. Norwich, Norfolk NRI6 INL. February 26.

Royal wills

From Mr Michael L. Nash

Sir. When discussing the will of Diana, Princess of Wales, your Diary (February 26) states that "Only the will of the monarch is kept secret all others have to be made available". The facts are not so simple. Until after the death of Edward VII

in 1910, the will of the monarch was available for public inspection, as were those of all other members of the Roval Family. In October 1910, Prince Frank of

Teck, the brother of the new Queen Mary, died suddenly at the age of 40. Queen Mary had his will "sealed", for what reason one can only speculate. From that day to this all royal wills

have been sealed and are not available to anyone, scholars and researchers also being excluded from seeing their contents. It seems that this will not apply to

the Princess of Wales as a former member of the Royal Family [report, February 27]. The will of the Duke of Windsor was sealed in 1972; the Duchess of Windsor did not leave a formal will.

Yours sincerely, MICHAEL L. NASH (Senior Lecturer in Law). Business School, City College Norwich. Ipswich Road, Norwich NR2 2LJ.

From Mr A. B. Bryce

Yours faithfully

February 23.

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I Gloucester Court.

masons can be had up for contempt of Parliament for failing to give direct 'yes" or "no" answers to the Commons Home Affairs Select Committee [report, February 20; letters, February 21, March 2], where does this leave the Prime Minister at Ouestion Time?

Yours faithfully, ANDREW B. BRYCE. 3 Rockwell Terrace, February 21.

From Mr Peter John Carey

Sir, Your readers may have heard on

the Today programme this morning

an item about East Timor, which

opened with a recording of a congre-

gation at prayer. I have no idea in

what language they were praying, but

had no doubt from the cadences and

rhythm that they were saying the

Lord's Prayer and I felt instantly at

The Church of England's attempts

to modernise the Lord's Prayer will

never be successful until they accept

that any new English version of the

universal prayer of Christendom

should retain the universal cadences

and rhythm of the old, and use a text

that is agreed by the mainstream

Christian denominations throughout

the English-speaking world. Until

then they should stick to a traditional

version which most closely meets both

criteria and drop modern versions

which don't.

February 24.

Yours faithfully.

PETER JOHN CAREY,

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one with them in their prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

From Professor T. J. Smiley

Sir, Bringing the Lord's Prayer as close as possible to the actual prayer of our Lord must be right, even if it means giving up words that have become familiar, eg. if "time of trial" is more accurate than "temptation" (report, February 12; letters, February

But in that case, what is the General Synod doing marketing "For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever* to an unsuspecting public as a part of the Lord's Prayer? Removing this wholly unscriptural addition would have the double advantage of bringing the Church of England into line with the Church of Rome and the Trade Descriptions Act.

Yours etc. T. J. SMILEY. Clare College, Cambridge CB2 ITI.

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Question of contempt

Sir, If the Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of the Free-

Thurso, Caithness KW14 7PJ.

From Professor Emeritus Philip Rhodes

Sir, Walking along the corridor at St Thomas' Hospital many years ago, the late lamented Professor Henry Barcroft remarked to me that "the study of medicine is a useful way to pass the time until the student is mature enough to become a doctor" (letters, February 11, 23).

j.s

Yours sincerely PHILIP RHODES, Wakerley Court, Wakerley. Oakham, Leicestershire LEIS 8PA. February 23.

Elton's knighthood

From Mr Ian S. Burge

Sir, The granting of a knighthood to a married man is a double blessing. What wife does not enjoy being officially recognised as a Lady? But what of companions? Do they

expect equal rights? How would they

be styled - KC? Yours faithfully, IAN S. BURGE. Glen Usk, Caerleon NP6 11.U.

February 26.



Forthcoming is

marriages

The engagement is announced between Charles, youngest son of the late Mr Peter Brindley and of

Mrs Sydney Shaw, of Otford, Kent, and Rebecca Claire eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs

Christopher Briscoe of Coluton

The engagement is armounted between Jonathan, eldest son of

Mr and Mrs David Burton, of

Brockham, Sursey, and Tracey, daughter of Mr and Mrs Tons

Manhews, of Hornchurch, Essex.

The Hon Alistair Cairos and Miss A.L. Sim:
The engagement is announced between Alistair, youngest son of the Earl and Countess Cairos, of

Louisa Harmer, of Brook Green

and Miss K.A. Baird-Murray

The engagement is announced between Olivier, only son of M

Jean-Louis Daniaud, c. La Tremblade, and Mine Helene

Kainleen, youngest daughter of Captain and Mrs Neil Baird-Murray, of Kynaston, Shropshire.
Mr R.M. Geraghty, and Miss E. D'Cruz.

The engagement is announced between Richard Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Geraginy.

of Mr and Mrs Treviya D'Cruz, of

of Radeliffe on Trent, Notting shire, and Emmi Claire, da

Wandsworth, London.

Mr A.R. Norman

Allington, Wiltshire and Arabella (Bee), daughter of Mr Campbell Sim, of Four Eins, Kent, and

Mr C.A. Brindley and Miss R.C. Briscoe

Rajeigh, Devon.

Mr J.D. Berton

London.

M O.E.M.M. Dan

d'Belenet, of Bear

and Miss T.J. Matthews



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 2: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave a Reception this evening at Buckingham Palace for the winners of The Queen's Award for Export, Technological and Environmental Achievement in 1997.

The Duke of York, The Princess Royal, The Duke of Gloucester and The Duke of Kent were present.

March 2: The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this evening attended the Meetings and Incentive Travel Industry Gala Presentation Dinner at the London Hilton Hotel, London WI. ST JAMES'S PALACE

March 2: The Prince of Wales today visited Staffordshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Mr James Hawley).

His Royal Highness this morning opened the Methodist Homes Claybourne Residential Home for People with Dementia, Stoke-on-Trent. toured the home and met

residents and staff. The Prince of Wales, Patron. Macmillan Cancer Relief, afterwards visited North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary. Stoke-on-Trent, and toured the chemotherapy unit, meeting patients, nurses and donors to Macmillan Cancer Relief.

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited Spode. Stoke-on-Trent, and toured the visitors centre, factory, design studio and museum, before, as President of The Prince's Trust and Business in the Community, attending a Lunch for

People involved in community regeneration projects and later meeting those involved in the Aiming High initiative, a project of the Stoke-on-Trent Community Partnership. partly funded by The Prince's Trust.

The Prince of Wales, President. The Prince's Trust, afterwards visited the Hothouse, Longton, a converted school accommodating a number of small computer-aided design businesses run by young people assisted by The Prince's Youth Business Trust.

His Royal Highness later visited the Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service headquarters to mark their Fiftieth Anniversary, presented medals for good conduct and long service, observed a training demonstration, met fire offi-cers and their families and also met young people involved in a Prince's Trust Volunteers programme, assisted by the Fire and Rescue Service.

The Prince of Wales finally visited St Chad's Church and the Shire Hall Gallery.

His Royal Highness this evening gave a Dinner at St James's Palace to discuss the integration of orthodox and complementary healthcare.

ST JAMES'S PALACE March 2: The Duke of Kent was represented by Lieutenant Commander Sir Richard Buckley RN at the Memorial Service for Lady Vernon which was held today in St Luke's Church, Sydney Street, London SW3.

Thornhaugh Street, Russell

Square, London WC1, at 10.30; will

formally open new laboratory facilities and library extension at

the Institute of Psychiatry, De

Crespigny Park, at 200 and a new research centre at King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, London

SES, at 3.45; will open and visit the new asthma/respiratory disorders

clinical trials centre at King's College School of Medicine and Dentistry, London SES, at 4.20;

and will attend a drill night evening on board HMS President, 72 St Katharine's Way, London El,

The Duke of Kent, as President.

will attend a lecture at the Royal United services Institute for De-

Today's royal engagements

at 7.15.

SWI, at 12.10.

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at II.00. The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron and Trustee, will attend receptions at St James's Palace for young people who have reached the Gold Standard in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at 11.30 and 4.00; as Patron, will give a luncheon and chair a meeting for the Outward Bound Trustees, at 12.45; and as President, will host a reception for the Westminster Abbey Trust at Buckingham Palace, at 6.00.

The Prince of Wales, as Patron, the Royal Television Society, will at-tend a presentation on digital technology at BBC White City, at

The Princess Royal, as Chancellor, the University of London, will attend a conference for students on Asia/Europe at the School of

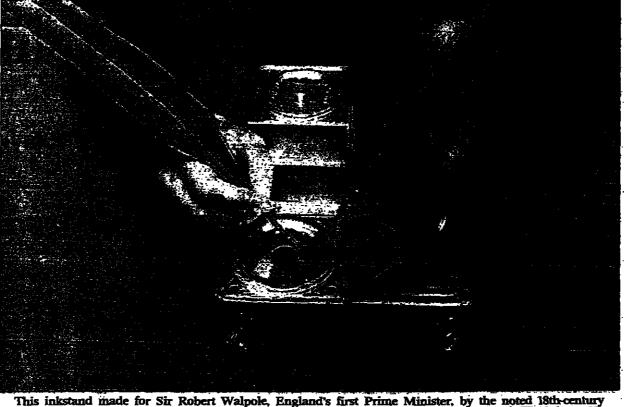
Sir Frank Roberts

life and work of Sir Frank Roberts,

GCMG. GCVO, will take place in

A service to commemorate the life A service of thanksgiving for the and work of Mr Deryk Wakem, former pupil and long-serving member of staff at Forest School, St Margaret's Church, Westwill be held at 2.30pm on Sunday. minster Abbey, at noon on Thurs-April 26, in the Chapel of St John the 'Baptist, Forest School, Snarestrook, London E17. All will day, May 14, 1998. All are velcome, and those wishing to attend are requested to apply for he most welcome tickets, for this service only, to: The Rector's Secretary, Room 14, i

Little Cloister, Westminster Abbey. Church news SWIP 3PL, enclosing a stamped (first class) addressed envelope. Tickets will be posted from April The Rev Michael Palmer, Vicar, Devoran (Truro) to retire April 12.



This inkstand made for Sir Robert Walpole, England's first Prime Minister, by the noted 18th-century silversmith Paul de Lamerie, is expected to sell for between £400,000 and £600,000 next month. The inkstand is part of a collection of de Lamerie's work, owned by Jaime Ortiz-Patino, grandson of Bolivia's tin king Simon Patino, that Sotheby's will be auctioning in New York for an estimated £3 million

Premium Bonds

The El million prize in the Pre-mium Bond draw for March was won with bond number 45FZ 106814. The winner lives in Dorset, and has a bond holding of £20,000.

Birthdays today

The Hon Peter Brooke, CH, MP, 64; Mr Charlie Brooks, racehorse trainer, 35; Mr Peter Calver, race horse trainer, 64; Lord John Fitz-Gerald, former racehorse trainer, 46; Sir George Gardiner, former MP, 63; Mr David Glencross. former chief executive, ITC, 62; Dr Rod Hackney, former president, RIBA, 56; Mr Martin Lovett, former member, Amadeus Quartes, 71; Ms Merlyn Lowther, personnel director, Bank of England, 44; Mr Maurice Lynn, former Head-master, The Oratory School, 47; Professor Angus McGrouther, plastic and reconstructive surgeon. 52; Mrs Eleanor McLaughlin, former Lord Provost and Lord-Lieutenant of Edinburgh, 60; Air Vice-Marshal C.G. Maughan, 75; Lord Mellish, 85; Mr J.F.X. Miller, Headmaster, Royal Grammar School, Newcastle upon Tyne, 48; Mr Stephen Morrison, managing director, LWT Productions, 51; Sir Peter O'Sullevan, racing com-mentator, 80; Sir Mark Prescott, racehorse trainer, 50; Miss Miranda Richardson, actress, 40; Mr Ronald Searle, artist and cartoonist, 78; the Earl of Southesk, 37: Lord Templeman, 78; Miss Fatima Whitbread, athlete, 37.

Dinners

William Holme's Gramma

fence Studies, Whitehall, London The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Manchester were the principal guests at the William Hulme Founder's dinner held resterday in the school. Mr D.A. Boothman, Chairman of the Governors, received the guests and Mr B.J. Purvis, Head Master, presided. The Athenseum

Dr David Barkham was a speaker at a talk dinner held last night at the Athenaeum. Mr Hugh Brigstocke was in the chair.

Legal appointment

Mr Robert Ian Martin to be Regional Chairman of the Social Security Medical, Disability and Child Sup-port Appeal Tribunals, for the Mid-land and East Anglia Region.

Institution of Civil Engineers

The following candidates have been admitted to Corporate Membership, Associate Membership and Technician Membership of the Institution of Civil Engineers following the successful completion of the 1997 Autumn session of Professional Reviews:

Corporate Members Addison C R; Ainley C S; Akinajo A S; Anderson A R T; Atkins M W (°); Atkinson P A; Bailey M C (°); Bates A J; Batsford J P; Bendall K; Blackie P (*); Blackstock R I; Boileau P A; Boles D M; Brookes I W; Brooks R S; Brow P J; Brown A
J; Burke A P; Chalkley L E (*);
Champion R P; Chan N C;
Chandler M R; Chapman T J; Theung S Y; Clark R; Clemie C D; Cheung S Y; Ctark R; Clemie C D; Cluent F J (*); Cobb J D; Cobb S J; Costaras M P (*); Coulman A J; Crampin S H; Crockett P; Cusick P; Davies A J; Derewicz M; Devi A; Dhaliwal H S; Dickins P M; Dickinson M D (*); Dixon J; Dixon R; Dolling C N; Donaldson R I; Done S R B; Eades M B; Evans S W; Evice P I; Eadel N D; Evalus S W; Ewing P L; Field D P; Fielder R D; Flavell R; Foot D A J; Forbes R G; Ford K A: Foster R K: Fox A J: Galloway M A; Garland P H; Gebruers B G; Gillespie G C; Giackin C S; Glass M A; Glermie P S; Glossop M; Gold J P; Gooderham P A; Gorst N J S; Grainger B; Graves C M; Green A

R; Green A M; Greenough D A; Gregory G A; Griffiths H R; Griffiths O; Griffiths S; Hall J P; Hall R M; Hamer B A; Hardey R Hain R M., Hainer B H., Hainer S M.; E R: Hassan M M B: Hawley S M.; Henderson A: High D R: Hill T J F (9; Hindley G D; Hobbs J D; Hogarth I; Horton P C; Humphries J R M; Isles C; Jackson A G (*); Jackson I D; Jaiteh K; Jarman A: Jarvis K: Jennings M W; Johnson D; Jones H G; Jones P: Kennedy T M; Kent G A; Khalid M (*); Kirkland K R; Kite W L; Klesel P A; Knight S A; Laffey J J; Lang W R S; Lavery D P; Lindsay S J; Lloyd A P; Lloyd K M; Lloyd M R: Locke A M B: Lohmann T G: Low J M (*): Lynch J A: Lynchehaun P: Macaulay J M: Mackerron A: Mackinnon W D: Maley J C; Martin S; Maxwell A G: McDermott R W: McDonagh S: McEwan I K: Miles P: Minto T

R; Mistry M K; Mitchell W J; Mo

A S; Morgan R A; Murphy M M; Murphy M J; Nadin P S; Need-ham M D; Newton A J; Nunan M

J K: Obatusin O T: O'Sullivan M

in the Forces Royal Navy R: Packer D J (*); Palmer M M: Parkyn H C: Parry R G; Parry-Jones S A: Pidcock S M; Pisarski R G; Pooley A J; Potter R C B; Powell

son A D; Siewart G R; Stewart P J; Sutlow R J; Swinden R E; Taylor

M. R. Taylor R J. Thompson P. Timothy M J. Traxler J P. Treanor C A R. Uduehi J. Urch T R. Walls

K; Warner J D; Warren K D; Welsh M A; West P J; Weston G

RM: Wild FM; Williams K P; Williams P; Williams S S; Wilson I

M; Wilson P M; Wiseman J C; Wright G; Wright G J; Young M J;

Anderson G B; Andrews C M; Ashworth D L; Benn M D;

Bowden P; Brathy A L; Burnside D R; Carroll M C; Carter G J;

Chambers M I; Chandbry A A; Clark T A; Cooper I R; Dear C A; Drennan S J; Elliott S J; Falano K

C: Fanyinka F; Gardner M; Gray PS; Hall A; Hammond S E; Hillier P T; Ingsley J L W; Innes A G; Jacks B W; Joyce C; Kandasamy S;

Kennedy B; Lewis G A; Long P D; MacArtinar A J; MacNamara P R;

McKay D G: Mellett C J: Mirchell M L; Moore M D: Moss D M;

Ostle S J; Prosser M; Reynolds F L;

Sell N: Shawkat N: Sneddon C

Stach-Kevitz A L: Stanbridge J T

Sutton J; Tatum D P; Taylor S K; Tee L; White S J; Whitfield N J;

Archer D; Avery R E; Bevan A;

Brown L A; Brydon J W; Collins P E; Covel T J; Edwards P J; Ellis I R;

Fraser S: George D J: Hambleton S: Hill D S: Mason M I: Morillo J

C; Nightingale M W; Paterson I A; Ricketts A J; Tait J M S; Tait V R;

Taylor O.W. Thew I.S. Underwood

An asterisk (*) denotes those can-

didates who were commended on

the standard of the essay(s) they

P M; Weight A J; Wickens J L

Williams S C: Williamson S

Wooltorton L P; Zalega S.

Technician Members

Birchall C; Blumer G J; Booth

Reor-Admiral N.R. Essenhigh to be promoted Admiral and to be Commander in Chief Fleet, Com-Area and COMNAVNORWEST in succession to Admiral Sir Mich-A S; Prescott N J; Price N W; Prichard J L; Randall M H J; Ray are Boyce on September 11. This appointment carries with it membership of the Admiralty Board of the Defence Council. C S: Rhodes James C F; Robinson D J; Roche T P; Rowe D P; Rudin P J.; Rothe T. P.; Roum P.; Radin P.; Saidi E.; Saied P. O.; Sampson C.; Samuels H. J. (†); Sandertock D.; Sandle I.W.; Savva A.; Schofield A. J.; Sidney M. J.; Sinanan T. K. (†); Singh G.; Smeaton P. J. (†); Smith M. A.; Smith A. T.; Sneddon J. M.; Soukmpova E.; Stanley C. L.; Stevenson A. F.; Stevenson P. L.; Stevenson A. F.; Stevenson P. L.;

Appointments

BRIGADIER: A R E Hutchinson to Senior Military Assistant Proliferation and Arms Control Secretariat 23.2.98; R L Styles to Brigadier (W) Kuwaiti Project Of-fice 23.298; T D Gregg to Com-mander HQ 145 (HC) BDE 2.398 COLONEL: F G Moss MBE to DCOS HQ 5 DIV 23.2.98; N Q W Beer to (W) ACDS (OR) Land Systems 6.3.98; J Blake to RPC4 (NECL) DRFC 5.3.98; C A Den-McKay to APC HQ and Central Services 2.3.98

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL: R F C.
Andrew OBE R Irish to RMAS
29.6.98; A G C Blanch PWO to HQ
Recruiting GP 6.4.98; B R N
Davidson MBE R Irish to HQ
AITO 7.4.98; T M A Fleetwood RA
to DGD&D 30.3.98; A C Ford GREN GDS to DA Helsinki 6.4.98; M T Griffiths KORBR to BLO (USA) 8.8.98; R J Knight MBE PWRR to Romanian TRG Centre 8.6.98: G McGarr OBE RIC to APC 8.6.98: G S Payne INT CORPS to MOD 4.8.98: J N E Watson RA to SHAPE 20.7.98

Royal Air Force AIR COMMODORE: N E Taylor to FTC 6.3.98 GROUP CAPTAIN: D A G Brenner to MOD 27.2.98; D \$

University news

Griggs to RAF Valley 6.3.98.

Cambridge

Emmanuel College The following have been elected into a research fellowship at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, for three years from October 1: Mr D.R. Pratt (Downing College): Mr A. Rending (Queens' College): Mr AJ. Wills (Southampton University)

The Sir Alan Wilson Research Dr J.P.K. Doye (Downing College)

Memorial service

ASHLEY COOME

Lady Vernon
The Duke of Kent was represented by Lieutenant Communder Sir Richard Buckley at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Lady (Michael) Vernon held yesterday at St Luke's, Sydney Street, Chelsea. The Rev Christopher Kevill-Davies, Rector, officiated, assisted by the Rey Ian Tomlinson, Rector of

Fyfield, Hampshire. The Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire read the lesson and Mr effrey Sheldon, grandson, and Mr Patrick Disney, son-in-law, gave readings. Mr John Fowler gave an address. Sir Michael Vernon (hus-other friends were among those

Service of thanksgiving

Brigadier Eric Darlow A service of thanksgiving for the fife of Brigadier Eric Darkow was held at St Marys, North Leigh, Oxfordshire, on Thursday, February 26. The Rev Ross Collins. Priest-in-Charge, officiated and gave an address. Mr Bruce McCowan read As You Love Me and Lieutenant Colonel Phillip Halford-McLeod, Black Watch, read the Six Maxims of King resu use Six Materias of King George V. Those present included: Mrs Darlow (widow) and other members of the family, Mr Anthony Smith (President, Magdalen College, Oxford, Hentenant Colonel Bryan Garrard (representing the RASC and RCT Officers Luncheon Club), with representatives of organisations

Baron Hamlyn

The life barony conferred upon Mr Paul Bertrand Hamlyn has been gazened by the name, style and title of Baron Hamlyn, of Edgeworth in the County of Gloucester

Anniversaries

BIKTHS: Edward Herbert, ist

Barun Herbert of Cherbury, states

man and poet, Eyton, Shropshire. 1883; Edmund. Waller, poet, Coleshill, Buckinghamshire, 1606; Sir William Davenant, Poet Laure-ate 1638-68, Oxford, 1606; Thomas

Otway, dramatist, Trotton, Susser, 1652; William Godwin the Elder, philosopher, Wisbert, Cambridge-

stire, 1756; William Macready, actor-manager, London, 1793; Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, Edinburgh, 1847; Alain (pseudonym of Emile-

Auguste Chartier), philosopher, Mortagne, France, 1868; Sir Henry

Wood, conductor and co-founde

of the Promenade Concerts,

courtier, executed in London, 1539;

Robert Hooke, physicist, London, 1703; William Stukeley, antiquary,

Bridgewater, engineer and canal builder, London, 1803; Nicolai

Arthur Koestler, novelist, commit-ted suicide with his wife, London,

1983; Danny Kaye, actor. Los Angeles, 1987.

Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata was published, 1802.

Bizet's opera Carmen was first

performed at the Opera Consique

Preident Kemal Ataturk abolished

American national anthem, 1931.

n Paris, 1875.

1924.

Mr A.R. NOTHERS and Miss C.A.C. Baker The engagement is announced between Rory, rounger son of Sir Mark and Lady Norman, of Wilcote Manor. Oxfordshire, and Camilla, youngest daughter off in and Mrs Kenneth Baker, of

Church of Scotland

Taunton, Somerset.

Ordination and ind The Rev Matthew Z Ross to Ceres and Springfield The Rev David Whiteman to Old, Maybole

The Rev lan Watson to Caldercrux, Longriggend and Meadowheld The Rev John K S McMahon to Polwarth, Edinbergh

Ordination and introduction The Rev Anne Stewart as part-time Hospital Chaplain MacMillan House, Perth Ordination

London, 1869; Edward Thomas, The Rev Alison lack is partitime. Associate at Portubello St Pilings. poet, London, 1878; Jean Harlow, actress, Kansas City, 1911. Joona, Edinburgh, DEATHS: Sir Nicholas Carew,

The Rev Ian W Bell from St. Margareta German to New, Ersione London, 1765; Robert Adam, archi-tect and designer, London, 1792; Francis Egerton, 3rd Duke of The Rev George P Hange from Caious, Combanicativa Constal, Meanis The Rev Douglas Clark in Belhelvie to Old, Blad Killede Gogol, novelist and dramatist, Moscow, 1852; Copley Fielding, landscape painter, Worthing, 1855; The Rev Lain Mache from South Girvan to Canishn with Keiss

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The Rev Rory MacLeod from Bracadale .

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BIRTHS	
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The Portland Hospital, to Markon and Prank, a son, Massimo Francesco, a hoother for Miles and Alex. A new fan for Chelsenii	31
do BUY WHINNGER - On Feltrusty 21st at The Portland Hospital, to Alexandra and Lua, a lovely daughter, leabella Louisa Adeline Mailletta	SI
ne nourffellac Harrison - On 1st March 1998, to Helan and Tony, a daughter, Millicent Rose.	

FORTABLE - On February 22nd Schastian, a son, Herbie, their first born.

, a 2000, JACOT - On 25th February 1998, to Mexica (née 1998, to Monica (nie Eoberts) and Frank, a son, Samuel William, a brother for Chiod.

JANESON - On Folgramy 24th at The Portland Hospital, to Barbara (nos Bursa) and Hm, a son, Kyla Alexander. MCLAN - On February 6th, to Sally (new Wilson) and Durmot, a daughter, Holly Sorcha Robecca, a sister for

process - Serent (the Papins) gold Tom ure especially proud to ambounce the safe actival of a daughter, Partie Edith, weighing 9th, on 27th Pebruary in Brishame. Warmest thanks to the medical team especially Glenda. A very precious

HEN - On February 20th at Fortland Hospital, to The Fortland Hospital, to Judy and Jim, a sen, Michael a brother for Kelly, Megan and Patrick. OGERS - On Thursday February 26th 1998, to Tera (asse Unhar) and Authory, twin daughters, Natalya

ETTWEE - On 1st March, to Sarah (mie Woolboure) and ONOSCRUTO - On February 22nd at The Portland Hospital, to Gisela and Emangele, a son, Anton

HAIR. - On February 20th at The Fortland Hospital, to Mya (note Hichen) and William, a daughter, Florence kuby.

Micon - On Pelavasy 23rd at The Portland Hospital, to Junko (née Obsysské) and Pradesic, a deogister, Camill Michillo. BROLA - On 24th February 1975 to delighted perents Oizpola and Wandy, a daughter, Engly Clayindra.

MARO - On Pubruscy 28th, to Dime (née Carpenter) and Stove, a boy, Casseron James brother for Endly Congratulations. with the Mr. Cas February 27th at The Portland Bospital, to Jond and Richard, a diregimer, josaica Ainan, a sister for Stephen, Christopher and Hadeline, From Russia, with love!

DEATHS

BARNS - Co Pobrosry 28th, pencially at home in Haymards Heath, Anthen Mary (note Monda-King). Much loved by her husband John, dangituris Joanna and Stunh and son Richard, her Worth, Sussex on Priday March 6th, 1998, at 12.30pm, Family flowers only, Donatisms, if desired to St Catherine's Hospice Masters & Son, Lewes Zon Lindfield, EH16 22.8.

DEATHS

SLERGESOP - William John
Ostas, peacefully at home on
Pebruary 27th, aged 58,
Much loved restaund of Gill
and special friend to many.
Private Tunezal, family only.
Thanksgiving service to be
held latte, all welcome.
Family flowers only.
Donations to The Stroke
Americation, Whiteuress
Street, London RCI Y 81]. BRASSIT - Anne peacefully at home on 27th February. Widow of Henry (Jerry), sister of Joanna, soother of Nigel and Tim. Fonsen! 2 pm Saturday 7th Harch at St Petus Church, Holtyn, meir Cowden. However, it wished to Ballard & Shortall, Fernand Lingfield Road, Best Gimstead. Tel: 01342 323092.

EDMARDS - David John of Maden Newton, Derset, suddenly at his home on 23rd February 1998 aged 62 years, Funeral Service at Hareford Chematorinia on Manufacture and Manufacture on

PERGUSON - Peter John (Ian), pancefully on March 1st. Denny loved and loving husband of Kethiest and much loved father to Anne and Peter (died 1959). Protein grandpa of Alternatin, Charles and Stward and great-quadpa of Preddie. Punceal at 11 am on Monday March 9th at 5t John the Saytist, Outwood. Flowers gratefully declined.

LOWER - Margaret (pée Consector Cost) died pencerully on 2nd Murch, 1998, in Geeleng, Australi Former wife of Desmand Flowers, beloved mother of Michelm, grandmother of Nicholas, guandmother of Richolas, guandmother of Richolas Charlotte and Rober and great-guandmother of Charlie. Donations to the

MANUT. - Lady Gloria Regina Ralet (tafe Vangham), belowed wife of the lane Romald Vallity Flower, pancefully at home on February 27th, Pumeni at St Lyurence's, Weston Patrick, at Sym on Felday 6th Merch.

GLOVER - R.C. (Boster) VED PRCS on February 26th pascefully at home. Very dear houland of the late pascefully at home. Very dear houland of the late pasc, aronh loved father of Richard, Alesteir and Charlotte and loving quantifather. Family funeral at Slough Committee on Priday Rusch 6th at 10.30cm, Memorial Service at Holy Trinity, Windoor on Priday April 3rd at 11 am. No flowers, donations if desired, to the Stull St Davids, Fembrokeskirk,

MARCY - Mujor John James M.R.E. Most despect and very much loved father of Rits, after long illness buryely

much loved father of Rim, after long illness bureshy borne, was relieved of his sectioning and died peacefully on February 24th at Monthouse Nursing House. Special thenks and Sue Shepping and all the staff at the home for their dedicated and loving cars. A service will be held at Guildford Casmatonium on Friday March 6th at 11.30 am. Fioress or densations to the HELL - Arthur died peacefully at home on Minch 2nd 1998 Service 1 pm Stoop Luna Crematorium Wednesday

HOLLOWAY - In (Barbam
Angusta) and 27th Pahruhry
pencefully aged 73 year,
Widow of lack and flewyind
mother of Tim and
farmthouther of Pam and
farth-Fomenal Service to be
held at 87 Peter and 87 Penal
Church Little Galddenden on
Pidday 6th March at 3.15 pm
Family Howes only please. Family flowers only please. Enquiries to Phillips Funes. Services Herpenden 01582 461100.

HOUSTON - Dr. Romald Rouston O.R.R. P.R.C.P. stodiently at home on February 28th, aged 75 years. Nuch hoved husband, father, prantifation, and father, many. Church Service at Assadel Cathedin on Hondary 9th Match at 11.30mm. Handly flowers only please but donuctions it desired, may be sent to the "Dysketin Institute Russary Pend" of Reynoldin Panesal.

JONES - Thomas Gynn of Coulsdon, Survey, on Saturday Fobruary 28th. Beloved brother of Bide and uncle of Christine, Raises and Tury, Requises Mass at St. Adden's Church, Chipsteed Valley Road, Coulsdon, Survey at 10 am on Roadey Masch 9th followed by counting at Randalle Park Crussitorium, Lestheched, Survey at 11.30 am. Family flowers only, doubtings if desired may be given to Recmillan Nurses of W.A. Tradiov & Son, Calpatend Valley Road, Coulsdon, Tak O181 660 2620.

SELECTER - On February 25th at Prenchay Respiret, Reinted America Kathleen aged 62 years of Ricot, Capenow. Wife of the late lan, devoted another of Christopher and Senzume, descriptopher and Senzume, descriptopher and Recamber and Megan. Funetal Service Friday Narch 6th, 12 noon at the Rosest of Dean Crematorium. Ricots of Senzion Roed, Chepstow. Tel: 01291 624939.

OCHYER - Donald james died weddenly at home on 26th February, Reloved husband of Jame and his first wife, Marjorie, Will be sadily missed by his children Peter James and Son; stoppingship Alexandra and his nine grandchildren, Funeral at electronics are instance grandchikirus, Functural at Benconellaid (3d Town Parish Church at 12 mom on Pricey 6th March. In See of Elowest, dountions if deathed to The National Asthma Campaign of the C. Grimstand Ltd., Tilbury House, Shephenis Lame, Benconellaid.

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OBITUARIES

Peter Livesey, rock climber. died of cancer on February 26 aged 54. He was born in Huddersfield on September 12, 1943.

ne of Britain's outstanding rock climbers, Peter Livesey was the "father" of modern, athletic climbing technique, which inspired a genera-tion of younger climbers. He also pioneered many new rock climbing routes, not only in this country but in Europe and America. He was fiercely competitive, yet his was a relaxed approach. Livesey loved rock, and wrote two books on rock-climbing



technique. But he could never muster the same enthusiasm for snow and ice.

A natural athlete who at school became a junior cross country champion, Michael Peter Livesey began climbing at the age of 12 on gritstone cliffs around his Yorkshire home. But climbing was not at first a singleminded passion with him. He enjoyed the competition of athletics, too, running in the same club as the former world mile record-holder Derek Ibbotson. He himself ran the mile in a time not far short of four minutes as a junior. Indeed, he used to say that it was his failure to win the AAA Steeplechase at White City — where he came third — that had

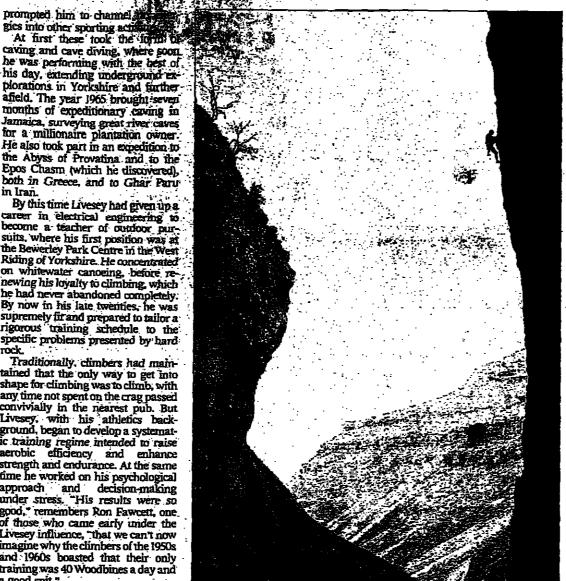
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prompted him to channel gies into other sporting actions
At first these took the form to caving and cave diving, where soon, he was performing with the best of his day, extending underground ex-plorations in Yorkshire and further afield. The year 1965 brought seven months of expeditionary caving in Jamaica, surveying great river caves for a millionaire plantation owner. He also took part in an expedition to the Abyss of Provatina and to the Epos Chasm (which he discovered).

By this time Livesey had given up a career in electrical engineering to become a teacher of outdoor pursuits, where his first position was at the Bewerley Park Centre in the West Riding of Yorkshire. He concentrated on whitewater canoeing, before renewing his loyalty to climbing, which he had never abandoned completely. By now in his late twenties, he was supremely fit and prepared to tailor a rigorous training schedule to the specific problems presented by hard-

Traditionally, climbers had main-tained that the only way to get into shape for climbing was to climb, with any time not spent on the crag passed convivially in the nearest pub. But Livesey, with his athletics back-ground, began to develop a systemat-ic training regime intended to raise aerobic efficiency and enhance strength and endurance. At the same time he worked on his psychological approach and decision-making under stress. "His results were so good," remembers Ron Fawcett, one of those who came early under the Livesey influence, "that we can't now imagine why the climbers of the 1950s and 1960s boasted that their only training was 40 Woodbines a day and

Tall and rangy, yet with powerful shoulders, Livesey possessed what many consider the ideal physique for rock climbing. He had a long reach and natural agility. His relentless training had given him phenomenal finger power. This was sufficient, in his words, "not just to climb the route, but to hang around long enough to select and place running belays for protection, and then still have the strength to go on climbing". When he said, "hang around", he



Livesey on the very tough overhanging West Wall of Goredale Scar in the Yorkshire Dales

meant it literally, from one arm alone, if that was called for. From his example other climbers began to develop the simian acrobatics of the

modern rock climber. His caving colleagues had already remarked upon his cool nerve. In climbing, this manifested itself in an almost cavalier attitude towards protection. He wanted to climb under his

own skill and many of his early routes were climbed solo, without equipment at all. He also embarked on a programme of freeing existing hard routes of the aid (in the form of pitons left in the rock for subsequent climbers) which had been employed in their original ascents. When he, with his regular climbing partner John Sheard, after inspecting the difficulties on a top-rope, dispensed with the last points of such aid on Face Rome on Gordale Scar, traditional Yorkshire mountaineers could not believe it.

The ill-feeling left by his doubters made Livesey a stickler for absolute truth in describing his achievements. or challenging the false claims of

He was at the height of his powers in 1974 when he established two routes that took climbing into the new "E5" grade. (When he had started climbing seriously only a few years before, at the beginning of the 1970s, no climb exceeded E2 in difficulty.) Of these two routes, Footless Crow, in Borrowdale, far exceeded anything existing then in the Lake District; Right Wall on Dinas Cromlech in North Wales was considered by Livesey at that time as "the biggest and most glaring example of virgin rock in Wales". In all, Livesey made between 30 and 40 important first ascents in Britain. He also climbed in Norway, the Alps, Iran, Baffin Island, and made several visits to the Mecca of big wall climbing. Yosemite National Park in California, where he was responsible for many new

Livesey's importance, however, does not rest solely in his legacy of new routes, but as instigator of a new wave of athleticism, and a change of attitude towards hard rock climbing. Not just in Britain, but in France, too, his influence was widely felt. The guidebook he wrote, French Rock Climbs (1980) was instrumental in luring many other young climbers to the sun-washed South, rather than

He had also written an instructional book for beginners, Rock Climbing (1978), now in its (revised) second edition. His many other writings are scattered through the sport's journals and anthologies.

Although he gave up climbing at the competitive sharp edge in the mid-1970s when he was over 30, Livesey remained active, with his caving, orienteering, fell running and some rock climbing. He did all these until his final illness, which struck within days of his retirement from his final teaching post at Bradford and Ilkley College.

He is survived by his wife Soma and by their daughter.

RICHARD CASSILLY

Richard Cassilly, American tenor, died on January 30 aged 70. He was born in Washington on December 14, 1927.

RICHARD CASSILLY was one of a group of American tenors born during the mid-1920s whose powerful physique and vocal stamina immediately stamped them as operatic heroes, especially in the German repertoire. Jess Thomas and James King were his immediate rivals. Thomas had the Hollywood good looks and King the more glowing voice. But Richard Cassilly was the best actor of the three and the most committed on

His timbre could at times be raw and his throat did not always do precisely what he wanted it to do. But Cassilly made up for this by using every inch of his very considerable stage presence and submerging himself completely in whatever character he was playing. In this latter respect he had much in common with another rival, the Canadianborn Jon Vickers, and the repertory of the two men

overlapped a good deal.

Cassilly was educated in Baltimore. He made his stage debut in the Broadway production of Gian Carlo Menotti's opera The Saint of Bleeker Street when he was 27. He had appearances with the New York City Opera, in Tchaikovsky's early work Vakula the Smith, and with the Chicago Lyric Opera, in Janacek's Jenufa. But he realised, in common with several of his compatriots, that the real opportunities in the 1960s were in Europe. The opera houses there were generally well subsidised and there were plenty of them. All were on the lookout for powerful heroic tenors who could hold the

He made his European debut in 1965 in Geneva in the title role of the Dostoevskybased Raskolnikoff by the Swiss composer Heinrich Sut-ermeister. This led to an immediate engagement by the Hamburg State Opera, the house with which he became principally associated. His debut there was as Canio in Pagliacci. He arrived at Cov-Garden at the beginning of 1968, making his debut as in Chicago as Laca in Janacek's

He was back that summer

with a part that put his stamina and acting ability under rather severer test. Verdi's Otello. So began an association with the house which lasted throughout the 1970s.

During that decade Cassilly missed only one season. The Royal Opera looked to him for what was loosely known as the Vickers repertory: apart from Otello there was Florestan in Fidelio. Aeneas in Berlioz's The Trojans, and the title role in Britten's Peter Grimes. William Walton chose him as Trojlus when he revised Trojlus and Cressida in 1976 and this he recorded with the Opera House orchestra under Lawrence Foster, with Janet Baker as Cressida.

Among his other recordings was Aaron in Schoenberg's Moses und Aron, conducted by Pierre Boulez, which he had sung in Hamburg. But Cassilly's tenor, with its tendency to occasional roughness, was not really one for the studios. The physical presence was needed to back it up. In London he was chiefly

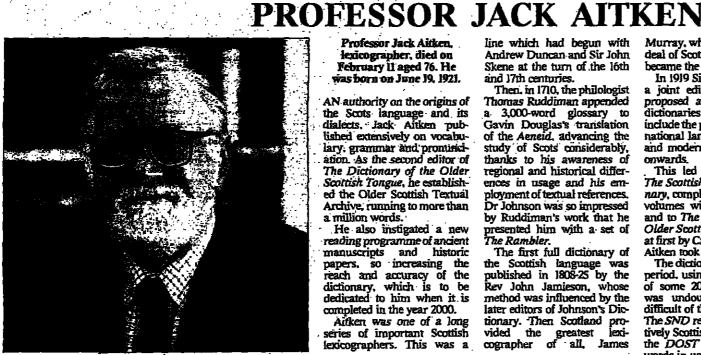
known as a Wagner singer. ready to take on the most taxing parts such as Tannhauser, which he sang with great lucidity and conviction. Sieg-mund in Walkure was another favourite role, the one he sang more often than any other at the Garden and the one in which he made his final appearance there in November 1982.

Scotland heard him quite early in his European career when he played Peter Grimes in a production by Scottish Opera in 1968, which went to the Edinburgh Festival. Many years later he came to the rescue of the same company when he stepped in at short notice to replace an ailing colleague as Jimmy Mahoney in the Brecht-Weill Rise and Fall of the City of

Mahagonny. His Met debut came in 1973 as Radames in Aida. There he played a number of flawed or wounded heroes of the heavyweight variety, including Samson, Otello and Tristan, as well as Tannhauser, the role other tenors did their best to avoid. Cassilly had strength and power. And he was never

afraid of a challenge. His marriage to Helen Koliopulos was dissolved in 1980. He is second wife, Patricia Craig, and the four sons and three daughters of marriage.

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February 11 aged 76. He was born on June 19, 1921.

AN authority on the origins of the Scots langua ge and its dialects, Jack Aitken published extensively on vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation. As the second editor of The Dictionary of the Older Scottish Tongue, he established the Older Scottish Textual Archive, running to more than a million words.

He also instigated a new reading programme of ancient manuscripts and historic papers, so increasing the reach and accuracy of the dictionary, which is to be dedicated to him when it is completed in the year 2000.

Airken was one of a long series of important Scottish lexicographers. This was a

Skene at the turn of the loth and 17th centuries.

Then, in 1710, the philologist Thomas Ruddiman appended 3.000-word glossary Gavin Douglas's translation of the Aeneid, advancing the study of Scots considerably, thanks to his awareness of regional and historical differences in usage and his employment of textual references. Dr Johnson was so impressed by Ruddiman's work that he presented him with a set of The Rambler.

The first full dictionary of the Scottish language was published in 1808-25 by the Rev John Jamieson, whose method was influenced by the later editors of Johnson's Dictionary. Then Scotland provided the greatest lexi-cographer of all, James

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Murray, who included a great deal of Scots material in what became the OED. In 1919 Sir William Craigie.

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The Scottish National Dictionary, completed in 1976 in ten volumes with a supplement, and to The Dictionary of the Older Scottish Tongue, edited at first by Craigie, from whom Aitken took over. The dictionary of the earlier

period, using a total text base of some 200 million words, was undoubtedly the more difficult of the two to compile. The SND records only distinctively Scottish words, whereas the DOST includes English words in use in Scotland. The earlier records, too, are more complex, because of greater variations in dialect and orthography. Meanings proliferate remarkably. The word "lord", for example, is shown

to have had 34 senses. Adam Jack Aitken was educated in a mining village, Lasswade, outside Edinburgh, and went on to study at Edinburgh University in 1939. From 1941 to 1945 he served in the Royal Artillery, but after the war he returned to the university, taking a first-class degree in English in 1947.

He had already done much research into the origins of the Scottish and Celtic languages, and this he furthered through research fellowships at his own university and in Glasgow and Aberdeen. He continned to do research and to teach until 1975.

From the early 1950s he was gathering and editing material for Craigie, and acting as an assistant: Craigie handed the whole project over to him in 1955 and Aitken, who had a passion for system and order, immediately set about updating the filing and cataloguing. The dictionary has proved a massive undertakir other hands it might have faltered. Aitken, however, saw to it that it should be an invaluable source for research into Scottish culture, law, literature and history, as well as language. Seven volumes have so far been published (by Oxford University Press) and four more are in preparation. Aitken also served on many

cerned with lexicography and Scottish literary studies, and from 1964 he was an adviser to dictionary projects as far away as India. He assisted with the planning of The Concise Scots Dictionary, and was a consul-

councils and committees con-

tant to both Collins English Dictionary (1972-73) and Chambers Twentieth Century Dictionary (1973-77). In 1983 he was awarded a DLitt by Edinburgh Univer-

sity, and two years later he was appointed an honorary professor. In 1987 his friends presented him with a festschrift, Nuttis Schell: Essays on the Scots Language.
Jack Aitken was one of the

kindliest of men, with a fine and engaging sense of hum-our that made him excellent company. Despite major heart surgery, he never stinted his research and writing, and went on giving help to all inquirers. He was planning a collection of the essays of the editor of The Scottish National Dictionary, David Murison, who died last year, and had recently thought of collecting his own scattered

writings.

He is survived by his wife, Chandra, and their daughter and three sons.



Richard Cassilly in the title role in the Royal OperaHouse production of Verdi's Otello in 1968

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"HAMLET" AT THE LYCEUM THEATRE

In excuse for the excessive length of one of her letters Mme, de Sévigné pleaded that she lacked time to be hrief. That plea cannot be urged by Mr. Benson for his presentation of Hamlet in its entirety. The play has had three centuries in which to shed its surplusage of by-plot and general disquisition and irrelevant comament. The outcome of this long process for modern playgoers has been a compact, portable play, rapid and even busding in action, cumulative in interest; a play with "beginning." "middle," and "end" which would have satisfied Aristotle. That is how the theatrical tradition has come into being which declares that Hamlet is a "sale" play, one which can always be reckoned upon to please the average audience. And it is mainly in its deliberate flowing of that tradition, that the interest of Mr. Benson's production lies. For, greatly daring, he has set himself to undo the work of time. He has put the clock back three centuries. He has walked, like a crab, backwards. He has reconverted nufactured article into the raw material. The result is, in some sort, a success, it is, at any rate, a success of curiosity. This is an age in which we demand the piquant and the

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This long notice concludes with the view that if Hamlet, performed uncut, loses as a play, it gains enormously as a representation of "the strange, irregular rhythm of tile. What was aid is a classic is revealed also as a living. palpitating organism."

novel, even though they are only to be attained by the process of "seeking noon at fourteen o'clock". Piquant and novel this unabridged Hamler assuredly is; a chaotic, discursive, panoramic view of several life histories. One thinks of it, to vary the figure, as a vast orchestral symphony, each instrument with its own theme, and the whole taken in what the musicians call tempo rubato - now a suave melody, now a pause, and then a rush and a roar. Hamlet ceases to be the mere soloist to whom we had grown accustomed. and is often silent while others take the stage. Polonius, for instance, comes into great

prominence. We learn more than ever about his prejudices, his amiable weaknesses, and his family affairs. We have that lengthy interview with Reynaldo wherein the old gentleman takes so elaborate precautions for ascertaining his son's behaviour in Paris. with the matter in hand is not apparent; but the character of Polonius is illustrated which no doubt was Shakespeare's sole concern - and it, amid all this abundance of irrelevant detail. Hamlet and his revenee story are thrust out of mind, we have the compensation of an amusing study of senility. Why, the plain man may ask, so many homilies, so many digressions upon things in general? Why does Hamlet fill up the interval of waiting for the Ghost with a sermon on intemperance? Why does Laertes lecture his sister at such length on lovers' lightness and maidens' modesty? Why should Hamlet, in the very crisis of his scheme to entrap the King, pause to deliver a set discourse on the art of histrionies? The explanation of course is simple enough. Students know that the play was written before "specialisation of function" had wrought its effect in the theatre. An Elizabethan playgoer wanted a little of everything, and a good deal of that mingled rhetoric and speculative philosophy which was soon to quit the stage for books ...

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The story so far

I blame Colin Hendry, of course. Oh come, now, anyone can hit a penalty straight at a

Anyone can; he did. I signed him to score from set pieces and lead my team to Wembley, and now look. But he scored a goal on Saturday, and your FA cup team still scores league points, after all. Did you transfer Izzet out before the weekend, by the way? You were talking about it last week.

Luckily not, so I got something for his goal at Ewood Park. I'm saving up as many transfers as possible so that at least I have some players involved on Cup Final day. If there's any consolation, it's that all those rivals of mine out there who signed Andy Cole and Peter Schmeichel will have to make transfers as well.

That's part, and probably parcel, of the competition. Anyone who stuffed their team with players from Leeds, Coventry and Arsenal, and a sprinkling of likely lads from Rangers, Celtic and St Johnstone at the beginning will have done well, because they haven't needed to

transfer anyone yet.
Whereas anyone who picked players from Leicester.
A: n Villa and Sheffield Wednesday . . .

Like you like me, is looking at building a whole new team. I admit it. But how was anyone to know? Celtic, Rangers, Arsenal, okay; but Ayr United? And then there's Coventry — I know they won the Cup in 1987, and they're doing all right in the league, but it's still a strange-leaking sight mound.

looking sixth round.
You may scoff, but the Sky Blues are statistically the most in-form team in the Premiership. I have a feeling I know which the least in-form team is. A sinking feeling. I imagine: it's that one you signed all those cheap defenders from. Six defeats in a row for Crystal Palace now. But it's true that Coventry weren't

doing much until just before Christmas. And, to borrow

your phrase, now look. So what you're saying is that there's hope for Crystal

Palace yet? No. I don't believe that I am saying that at all. Terry

Well, back in the real world. I still have Berkovic and Hartson on the Wembley trail, and West Ham have a good record of getting to Cup Finals. They even won it as a second division club, someone told me. Didn't Des Lynam

or someone score the winner? Stop trying to make me feel my age. It was Trevor

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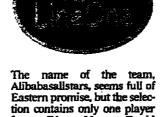
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came from the north - Phil Neville of Manchester United, whose winner at Cheisea helped him to seven points, despite defeat at Barnsley in midweek, and Chris Sutton, with his hat-trick (worth ten bonus points) in Blackburn's 5-3 win over Leicester City. Points for an appearance, a victory and each of the goals gave him a weekly total of 19. Sutton, with 93 points over the course of the season so far, is the latest player to home in on the 100-point score first reached by Marco Negri of Rangers, followed by Peter Schmeichel and Andy Cole.

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Full guide to players in both ITF leagues

As the ITF FA Cup league reaches the sixth round

stage, tactics for team selection remain a challenge

was all so obvious: Manchester United were concentrating on the FA Carling Premiership and European glory. Liverpool were ripe for the plucking, Chelsea were too inconsistent. Everton too unpredictable, Blackburn too ac-

Naturally, West Ham, Leeds and Coventry, upwardly mobile but not quite ready for a tilt at the title yet, would be there. Oh yes, and Arsenal. In Scotland, Celtic, Rangers and Hearts are all capable of sustaining a campaign on two fronts: everybody knows that.

Hence the current situation in the cups in England and Scotland: the favourites all still there north of the border, but nowhere to be seen south of Hadrian's Wall. That could, of course, be the fault of the bookmakers who failed to take note of the makeup of Alex Ferguson's FA cup selections. Nevland, Clegg and Thornley may well grace - Wembley some day, but not on May 16

Any ITF entrant whose fore-sight enabled them to pick a team which has not yet required any adjustment through the transfer market is K and to be congratulated, the more so bearing in mind that injuries and suspensions have begun to bite in earnest in most of the top squads. In theory, of course, it would be



possible to keep an unchanged team throughout, although even the best-chosen twelve would only have eight representatives in action at the death, when the last four teams contest the two finals. With the quarter-finals being played this coming

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weekend what would have been the perfect squad to pick on January 1? Not, perhaps, the one with the highest scores at the moment. Dunfermline's Andy Smith, whose goals against Edinburgh City helped him to an FA Cup score of 27 points, the highest indi-vidual total, and the Aston Villa pair of Mark Bosnich and Simon Grayson, the top scoring goalkeeper and fullback respectively, are all out of the competition, as is Bruce Dyer, hat-trick man against Leicester in round four and the scorer of 22 points, the best return among designated

Instead, we have chosen a

select XII of the highest-scor-ing players remaining in the two competitions, with all transfers still available. The requirements of ITF, that no more than two squad members shall come from any one club, mean that Neil Rediearn, the Barnsley captain, cannot be accommodated in midfield (Watson and Barnard represent the Oakwell success story) and that Arsene Wenger is preferred to Danny Wilson as manager. Arsenal and Barns-ley have, of course, fought through two replays each to get where they are today, giving their managers two more points each than those who reached this stage with three straight victories.

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Hasselbaink: 14 FA Cup points in the competition and a place in the top ITF team

THIS WEEK'S MOVES £2.0m 50706 Harald Battbakk £6.0m £1.5m 40703 Brian Little £1.5m MOVE 21402 Earl Barrett transferred from Eventon

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YOU MAY transfer as and when you wish according to your team transfer allowance. If a player or manager moves teams during the season, it may affect the composition of your team. You may adjust your team by using the transfer system to avoid missing out on points.

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Harrods boss arrested

■ Mohamed at Fayed was arrested yesterday over allegations that Harrods employees broke into a safe deposit box owned by his business rival Tiny Rowland.

Mr Fayed, who went voluntarily to Kennington police station, was questioned in the presence of his solicitor for 60 minutes. He was released on bail and ordered to return to the station in June. The Harrods director of security, a former fraud squad chief superintendent, was also arrested Page 1

Princess of Wales left £13m to sons

Diana, Princess of Wales, left nearly £13 million to her sons Prince William and Prince Harry, her will discloses. She also asked to be buried and that the Prince of Wales should consult her mother, Frances Shand Kydd, on the upbringing. education and welfare of the young Princes Pages 1. 4, 21

Government defeats

The Government was defeated twice when peers debating the Teaching and Higher Education Bill backed a Tory move to halt grants for students...Page i

Hunting ban recedes

Tony Blair dampened prospects for an early ban on hunting as pressure grew for an independent inquiry into the issue. Kate Hoey, a senior Labour MP, said she was "seeking a middle way".... Page 1

Railtrack warned

Railtrack has been warned by salety inspectors that it will face criminal prosecutions unless it takes drastic action to improve the "persistent poor condition" of Britain's railway tracks....Page 2

Hammer killer jailed A millionaire doctor who beat his

estranged wife to death with a club hammer after rows over his meanness was jailed for six

Novel approach

Four graduates of the MA course in novel-writing at Manchester University have had a first novel or book of short stories accepted for publication Page 6

Counting the notes

English National Opera musicians may be paid in 15-minute units. Violinists would prosper American and coalition troops but percussionists and brass may have been exposed to depletplayers fear pay cuts...... Page 9 ed uranium...

Egyptian mystery

Police are investigating the disappearance of Egyptian antiquities from Chiddingston Castle, Kent. The pieces went missing in 1961 the abolition of state maintenance and were later sold by Sotheby's to foreign dealers Page II

Kohl's chailenger

The German Social Democrats confirmed that Gerhard Schröder. reelected on Sunday as Prime Minister of Lower Saxony, would be their challenger to Chancellor Kohi . Pages 12, 20

Iran assurance

The Italian Foreign Minister used a visit to Tehran to exonerate Iran from "any association with terrorism", and said the country's arms build-up offered "no cause for alarm"......Page 14 Kosovo clash

Serb riot police attacked 50,000 Albanians marching in Pristina. capital of Kosovo. Television re-

ported one demonstrator shot dead and 150 injured Page 15 Reagan's torment When Ronald Reagan was shot two months after taking office his

eight-year presidency became a

private chronicle of mental and physical deterioration Page 16 Gulf War hazard A private American report on Gulf War syndrome says 400,000

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Mapplethorpe book confiscated

Police who confiscated a book on the photographer Robert Mapplethorpe from the University of Central England's library want to destroy it on grounds of obscenity. They raided the Birmingham flat of an art student after she had taken photographs of the book to be developed by a local chemist to use in a thesis, "Fine Art versus Pornography"



Parisian Olivier de Cornois enjoying temperatures of 21C (70F) yesterday on the roof of his holiday home in Bidart, near Biarritz

BUSINESS

Power battle: PacifiCorp, the US energy utility, fought back in the battle for The Energy Group with an 820p a share, £4.35 billion ..Page 27

BTR: Ian Strachan, BTR chief exective, breathed a little life back into the conglomerate's shares when he announced the return of £2 billion to investors. ...Page 27

Incheape: The conglomerate is to concentrate on motor dealing by spinning off its marketing services and bottling business and selling its shipping agencies Page 27 Markets: The FTSE 100 rose 53.3 points to close at 5820.6. Sterling's trade-weighted index remained unchanged at 105.1 after a rise from \$1.6457 to \$1.6479 but a fall from DM2.9873 to DM2.9863... Page 30

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defeat in the fourth Test after an early collapse in their second ..Page 52 innings.

Football: Terry Venables will decide within seven days whether to return to Crystal Palace as coach after being offered a five-year , Page 48

Rugby union: Northampton and Saracens will discuss with their players the advisability of missing the summer tours to the southern hemisphere scheduled by all four

home unions Page 49 ice skating: Great Britain will not be represented in the women's event at the world championships in Mirmeapolis, the first time for more than 50 years at a senior competition. .. Page 50

ARTS King of Soho: After the death of his friend Ronnie Scott, the famous jazz club's proprietor Pete King is.

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bert Hall... New for old: In his seventies the sculptor Anthony Caro is finding new inspiration in this paintings of the old masters, as two new shows

in London demonstrate Page 37 Countdown: Birmingham has reached the Seventies in its Towards the Millennium" festival, and its ballet company and orchestra join the celebrations Page 38

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Fighting anorexis: At five, Marya Hornbacher held in her stomach. By 18, she weighed 52lb and was given a week to live. At 23 she is recovering and has written movingly about her struggle ... Page 18 A woman's revenge: How to take revenge without losing one's dignity... Grace Bradberry hails the woman who got her revenge on the

right to a tender send-off on the platform under threat? Jane Shil-

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Pre-nuptiat: Just as adultery is about to be excised from the Family Law Act, the Government starts looking favourably at the idea of pre-nuptial agreements Page 39

America's inattention to Iraq for the past six years played a role in the meagre options available now. Marrying the rhetoric of removal -- by likening Saddam Hussein to Hitler and warning of the threat he represents - to a policy of containment can only undermine US cred-

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ROGER BOYES

Gerhard Schröder is not Gerhard Blair, despite some superficial similarities to the Prime Mirister. But the strategist of his re-election campaign in Lower Saxony has distilled the Blair Method Page 20 **ANATOLE KALETSKY**

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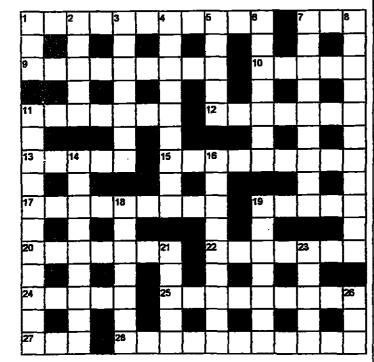
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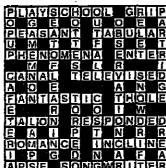
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Company mergers, Millennium Dome; countryside march; hip joint problems; Royal wills; the Lord's Prayer ...

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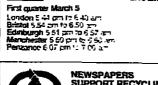
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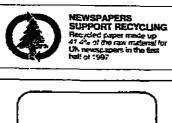
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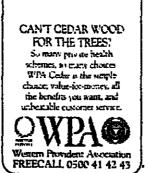
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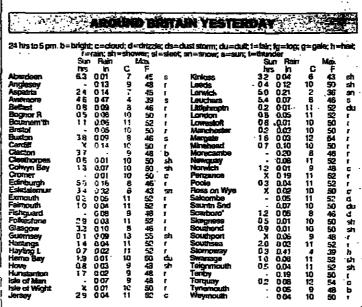
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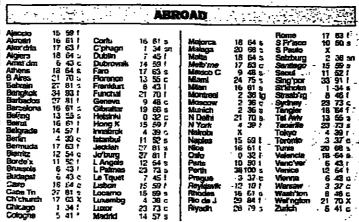
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BUSINESS TODAY

BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft

Rival US utilities raise Energy bids

PACIFICORP, the American energy utility, dramatically fought back in the battle for The Energy Group last night with an 820pa-share bid worth a total of £4.35 billion.

nonncement trumped an offer of £4.3 billion or 810p a share from Texas Utili-ties, the rival US group, that had earlier yesterday won agreement from The Energy Group board in preference to the prior PacifiCorp bid of \$4.05

Advisers to PacifiCorp raided the market yesterday afternoon and emerged with an 8.6 per cent stake in The Energy Group, understood to have been picked up at 820p a share. Last night Texas Utilities said it was consid-

ering its position. Full details of the increased PacifiCorp are ected to be revealed n the market opens

PacifiCorp's takeover attempt has already been approved by regulators in Britain and America utive of The Energy Group, said he believed regulatory hurdles would not be a problem with Texas either.

A key part of the Texas bid for Energy, which owns Eastern Electricity. is that it will sell on Peabody Coal, the US mining operation, in £1.4 billion deal with Lehman Brothers.

Texas, which will become 175 per cent geared if it is successful, is financing it is successful, is imageing the deal with £6.25 billion from a consortium of banks led by these Manhattan. But the company plans to reduce its indebtedness—a feature which triggered concern over the first PacifiCorp offer last issue within the next year.

The battle for Energy is the most prolonged for any UK utility. It started with PacifiCorp's first approach last summer, which was referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Incheape to be broken up



Philip Cushing, left, with Sir Colin Marshall, the chairman of Inchcape, has talked himself out of job with the break-up of the company and the concentration on car distribution

By PAUL DURMAN

Chilean and Asian company shares for investors INCHCAPE surprised in-

vestors yesterday with an audactous plan to break itself up in a final attempt to halt the sharp decline in its share price that has taken place over the past five year. The company proposes to

give its investors shares in a Coca-Cola bottling company in Chile and an Asian marketing SS AS II CODCEO main car import and distribu-

The break-up of Inchcape will lead to the departures of Philip Cushing, chief executive, and Les Cullen, finance director. Sir Colin Marshall is to continue as

chairman, but its executive management will be headed by Trevor Taylor, chief executive of the group's Toyota division, and Peter Johnson, head of Inchcape Motors

International. **Bottling operations in South** America will be soon off into a separate company listed in Chile. The less-successful marketing arm, which represents Pringles crisps, Durex condoms and Nike sportswear, will be demerged on to an asyet-undecided Asian stock of the company has not

market. These deals are ex- responded pected to be completed over he next 15 months

Before then Inchcape intends to sell its Coca-Cola bottling operation in Russia and its shipping services arm. Mr Cushing said: "It is very important for us to be able to present ourselves to shareholders in a clear and straightforward way. Over the past two years we have delivered a 25 per cent increase in profits

improvement."

Incheape shares halved during the final months of last year, mainly because of worries about Inchcape's exposure to Asia. Inchcape claims this was an unjustified overreaction. Yesterday its sha jumped 23½ p to 212p.

Mr Cushing added: "I have to accept that if this is the best solution for shareholders then there have to be some consequences for me." Compensation payable to Mr Cushing

and Mr. Cullen, who will oversee the disposals over the next 15 months, has yet to be

The continuing motors business, the largest independent car distributor, will have sales of £4 billion, profits of more than £100 million, and ne assets of more than £500

Incheape recognises that not all its shareholders will want to own shares in a Chilean bottling company or an Asian

tends to make appropriate arrangements. Early esti-mates suggest that the bottling company will have a value of about £500 million, while the

Inchcape's full-year results showed a 12 per cent rise in underlying pre-tax profits to £184.1 million. One-off charges reduced pre-tax profits to E89.6 million, down from £10.

marketing business will be

valued at closer to £100 mil-

million. A 6.6p final dividend, payable on June 9, makes an 11p total payout (10.5p).

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London close \$298.55 (\$298.25) Snowden

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Brent 15-day (May) \$14.50 (\$14.50)

by special payment plan after Tokyo's sharp rally

IAN STRACHAN, the BTR chief executive, managed to breathe a little life back into the shrinking conglomerate's shares yesterday when he announced the return of £2 billion to investors. The shares rose 16 per cent

to 187p. They had been driven up on the promise of a £15 billion. Special payment to shareholders in the first half of this year and another £500 million in 1999. Mr Strachan said little about what form the return of capital would take, preferring to take account of any changes in the Budget later this month. The second payment will take advantage

of the abolition of advance corporation tax in April 1999. Mr Strachan also confirmed the sale of BTR's packaging businesses to Owens-Illinois of the US for £2.2 billion in cash, marking the halfway -point in its mammoth disposal

programme. The division includes Rockware and ACI glass bottle producers in the UK and Australia respectively. Andrew Mitchell, a Merrill

Lynch analyst, said the price easily heat some market predictions of between £1.5 billion and £1.7 billion. He said the amount of capital to be returned was also more generous than expected.

BTR price revitalised | London soars to high

THE London stock market roared to a record high, helped by a sharp rally in Tokyo on hopes that Japan is going to produce new measures to stimulate its economy and on more positive news from British

The FTSE 100 index closed 53.3 higher at 5,820.6, below an

all-time trading high of 5,822.4 hit in afternoon dealing. There was a positive mood at the outset after the Nikkei 225 index jumped by more than 25 per cent to hit its highest level since last October. Taku Yamasaki, policy chief of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, called for a

to be accelerated. London shares were also boosted by news of a bid by Texas Utilities for The Energy Group and BTR's announce ment of the sale of its packag-

ing business for £2.2 billion

programme of public works

and its plan to return £2 billion to shareholders.

Economic data added little new to the debate on whether interest rates will have to rise. The purchasing managers' survey underlined the weakness of manufacturing but credit and money supply fig-ures suggested robustness in consumer demand.

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to get \$13m **GTech**

payoff FROM OLIVER AUGUST

GUY SNOWDEN, the disgraced former chairman of GTech. will receive a \$13 million payoff (58 million) after resigning from the lot-

tery operator.
GTech said yesterday it is severing all contractual relationships with Mr Snowden and Victor Markowicz, Mr Snowden's co-chairman, in an attempt "to completely reorder GTech by refocusing the way we conduct business".

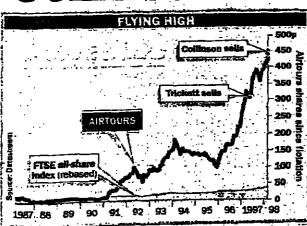
Mr Snowden resigned last month after losing a highprofile libel battle over allegations that he tried to bribe Richard Branson, the Virgin tycoon. Mr Markowicz resigned ast week. GTech is a partner in Camelot, the operator of the

National Lottery in Britain. The two men, who founded GTech in 1976, will each receive a "golden goodbye" worth \$9 million and salary payments for this year of around \$4 million. The payout ends their participation in GTech's long-term incentive scheme. All their options have been redeemed but they each own about I per cent of GTech's stock.

A company spokesman said: "What they do with their shares is not up to us. We have ended all contractual relationships. There are no more share options outstanding."

Last week GTech announced it will sack 800 people worldwide, including about 20 in Britain. It plans a vast restructuring and will take a \$100 million charge against fourth-quarter results.

Collinson sells bulk of his Airtours stake for £3.8m



HUGH COLLINSON, 53, the former managing director of Airtours and now chairman of its hotels and cruise division, yesterday sold £3.8 million worth of shares in the tour operator - the bulk of his holding.

After disposing of 750,000 ordinary shares and 95,000 options, Mr Collinson, a former accountant who was brought in to help with the flotation of the company in 1987, has just 100,000 shares left, or 0.023 per cent of the company.

Mr Collinson's shareholding dated from before 1996, when the stock was close to a five-year low of around 90p and By Marianne Curphey

just before the shares began their ascent to a record high of 456²p. The shares were unchanged at this level yesterday. The shares were placed at 180p in 1987, and rose to almost £14 each before a share split earlier this year.

Mr Collinson made £3 each on his 95,000 options, giving a clear profit of £285,000. Airtours declined to say what he made on the shares that he sold, at 450p. Mr Collinson was the first professional

manager brought in by the founder of Airtours, David Crossland, 51, now its chairman, before the group's flotation in March 1987. Mr Crossland still owns 11 per cent of the company that he built up from two small travel agency firms in Lancashire that he bought in 1973. Airtours is the UK's second-largest tour

operator, with 18 per cent of the 57 billion overseas package holiday market. Thomson, the market leader, has 26 per cent. Airtours owns travel companies in Scandinavia and Canada, runs a British

charter airline and cruise ships and owns a travel agency, Going Places. In February 1996 shares in Airtours rose strongly when it announced that Carnival Cruise Corporation of the US was taking nearly 30 per cent of Airtours stock.



Collinson: shares climbed | due at the end of April.

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Industry on the brink of recession

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

teetering on the brink of recession after new data showed output rising at its slowest rate for nearly two

Separate monetary data, also released yesterday, however, pointed to continued robust growth in consumer spending, highlighting the di-lemma the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee will face when it reaches its decision on interest rates on Thursday.
The Chartered Institute of

Purchasing Managers index fell for the third consecutive month, slipping from 51.8 to 51.2 — a figure that still indicates there is some weak growth in the sector. The new orders index also fell signifi-

Winchester **Commodities** in liquidation

WINCHESTER Commodities, the metals trading group embroiled in the Sumitomo copper trading scandal, is being placed in creditors' voluntary liquidation by its co-founders. Charles Vincent and Ashley Levett (Jon Ashworth writes.) Winchester has found it difficult to recruit staff in the wake of the Sumitomo affair, in which Yasuo Hamanaka, Sumitomo's former chief copper trader, ran up losses of \$2.6 billion (£1.55 billion) in allegedly unauthorised trading. The Securities and Futures Authority absolved - Winchester of any wrongdoing involving Sumitomo and Codelco, the Chilean copper pro-ducer. Mr Vincent and Mr Levett have consistently denied any wrongdoing.

registered a net fall for the second month running as the strong pound continued to

Overall demand rose at its lowest rate for more than 18 months, suggesting that domestic demand for exports was also faltering. However, the strong pound helped raw material prices to fall for the twenty-eighth consecutive

Peter Thompson, director-general of CIPS, said the data was "depressing". "Manufacturing may not have yet fallen into recession, but these figures show it is just about to."

Consumer credit, however, rose a record £1.29 billion in Janaury, after a similarly strong increase of £1.25 billion the previous month. The credit card lending component of the figure eased slightly to £361 million, compared with £441 million in December. Other lending increased from £810 million in December to £924 million, as consumers took advantage of retail credit deals available in the winter sales. Total personal borrowing growth, which also includes mortgage lending, remained stable at 7.5 per cent as mortgage lending slipped

M0, the measure of narrow money supply, also unexpect-edly increased in February, climbing from 7 per cent to 7.2 per cent. However, the quarterly rate of growth eased back from 7.7 per cent to 5.9 per cent, suggesting that money supply growth, although still

strong, has probably peaked. Richard Illey, UK economist at ABN-Amro, said the data was probably not sufficient to persuade the Bank to raise rates this month. "The further rate rise we anticipate awaits truly decisive data - either a return to above trend-GDP growth or 5 per cent average earnings growth," he said.



Smith, top, chief executive. and Harry Cooper, finance director at Whatman, the filtration and separation technology company, saw pre-tax profits rise 24 per cent to £14.6

million in 1997. Turnover was little changed at £92.9 million. against a restated £92.4

Underlying sales in Europe and America grew 5 per cent and 10 per cent respectively.

Sales in Asia Pacific and Japan rose 18 per cent and 12 per cent respectively.

Earnings increased to 38.11p (30.88p) a share. A final dividend of 10.3p lifts the total 17 per cent to 15.5p.

United gets a single contract for £3m fee

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

A CONTROVERSIAL E3 million consultancy fee was paid to an adviser by a division of United Utilities despite the operation bringing in only one new contract. A large part of the payment was performance.

United paid the sum to Derek Lewis, the non-executive chairman of Vertex Data Services — its billing and information technology division under a contract arranged by Brian Staples, United's ousted chief executive.

Vertex, which last year made profits of just E27 million, was set up as an independent subsidiary two years ago with the aim that it should attract new business. So far, more than 95 per cent of its business remains the billing needs of United, a function that two years ago was conducted by two managers earning a total of about £200,000.

Vertex has won one new client — Bromley National Health Service Trust - and works also for Comet, the retail chain which bought the old retail division of United's elec-

tricity arm. At E3 million, the payment made to Mr Lewis through his company, Heracles, equal 11 per cent of last year's profits. United is likely to face strong pressure to renegonate the contract.

The latest pay embarrass-ment comes as Sir Desmond Pitcher, executive chairman, is preparing to leave United early after pressure from institutional investors. Sir Desmond was two years ago dubbed king of the utility fat cats by lan. McCartney, now Industry Minister.

Second venture for Tesco and Land

BY CARL MORTISHED

BRITISH LAND and Tesco are setting up a second joint venture property company with assets worth £330 million. The new vehicle, which follows a £175 million joint venture established in 1996, will be owned equally by the two partners with £210 million

of properties contributed by Tesco and the balance injected by British Land.

The partnership will also invest a further £90 million in development, including the proposed regional shopping centre at Serpentine Green in Peterborough where Tesco is the anchor tenant. The portfolio will comprise 1.8 million sq ft, including

five Tesco superstores and seven retail shopping schemes anchored by Tesco. John Ritblat, chairman of British Land, said that the partnership would be building extensions to many of the stores. There is far less planning existence on existing sites than on new sites," he said. Tesco is contributing the

Beaumont Leys centre in Leicester, the Kingston Centre in Milton Keynes, the Weston Favell centre in Northampton, two Northern Ireland properties and a retail park in Bury. Mr Ritblat said that both partners had pre-emption rights over the outstanding interest, should one partner

Millennium set to develop niche in conferences

By Jon Ashworth

to become a major moneyspinner at Millennium & Copthorne Hotels, the fourstar business hotel group in which CDL Hotels International of Singapore holds 55 per cent.

Shares in the group rose 19p to 50812 p yesterday, on pre-tax profits up 32 per cent to £50.2 million (£38 million) in the year to December 31. Turnover increased 22 per cent to £202.6 million (£166.2 million).

Kwek Leng Beng, chairman of Millennium, said 1997 had significant organic growth through streamlining operations, improving margins, and establishing a niche in the conference market. The economies of the UK and America remain strong, while France and Germany have improved. Millennium hotels were not experiencing any measurable dilution of business from Asia.

Mr Kwek said the group would continue to focus on yield management and cost control, and was confident of being able to grow revenue through higher room rates.

CONFERENCES are poised Mr Kwek said: "We remain committed to growing by expansion, and will look for opportunities so that Millennium & Copthorne enjoys economies of scale and widens its

international coverage." John Wilson, former chief operating officer of Hilton international, was installed as chief executive of Millennium & Copthorne in January.

Earnings per share were 25.9p (23.7p). A final dividend of 5.8 pence a share (4p) makes a total of 8.6p (4.7p) a share for



Kwek: significant growth

SocGen disposes of Hambros bond arm

THE break-up of Hambros, the financial services group. gathered pace yesterday when the new owner of the banking business, Société Générale, the French bank, sold the bond division. Royal Bank of Canada is paying an undisclosed sum for the bond business. About 150 employees, most of them based in London, are expected to move across when the

deal is completed this week

John Burbidge, of Royal Bank's global markets division, said that the Hambros division complemented its own bond business. "They are strong in euros [bonds], while we are strong in the Canadian market," he said. Stephen Brisby, deputy head of global corporate finance at Société Générale, said it had disposed of the bonds division partly because it was non-core, and partly because of the overlap in bond origination. Societé Générale completed its £300 million acquisition of Hambros' banking division last Friday. It gave warning then of significant redundancies among the 1,000 plus staff.

Ewart battle nears end

THE battle for control of Ewart, the property group based in the Irish Republic, appeared close to a conclusion vesterday when Brian O' Connor, the chairman, pledged his lo per cent stake to Dunloe House, lifting Dunloe's total holding to 51 per cent. Mr O'Connor's move appeared to defy the Ewart board, which had recommended an 81p-a-share offer by Moyne, a Northern Ireland consortium, after a third interested party, understood to be British Land, backed away from discussions.

Prudential-Bache fines

THE International Petroleum Exchange said that Prudential-Bache International and four of its employees have been sanctioned by a disciplinary panel. The IPE said that when acting on instructions from a client a third party stop-offer order was caused to be executed in the gas oil pit. The panel fined Keith Barker £10,100, Gary Lambeth £10,000, Stuart Ditcham and Ian Baker £1,000. Prudential-Bache was fined a total of £1,000 in respect of actions by its employees.

Training group ahead

SHARES in Corporate Services, the contract labour and training services group, fell 9p to 231p yesterday in spite of im-proved profits and sales in 1997. Profits at the training division were hit by more than £1 million being spent on improving National Vocational Qualifications courses. Pre-tax profits rose to £30.3 million (£19.1 million), while turnover was £440 million (£277 million). Earnings per share were 13.6p (11.5p). A final dividend of 3.2p makes a total of 5.9p (5p). Tempus, page 30

ITN retains C4 contract

INDEPENDENT Televisión News has retained the contract to produce Channel 4 News seeing off a rival bid from a joint venture between Mentorn Barraclough Carey, the independent production company, and Sky News, part of BSkyB. As part of its effort to keep the contract ITN replaced award-winning editor Sarah Nathan with Jim Gray who revamped the programme. It is now achieving a million viewers a night, some of its highest ever audience ratings.

Asian crisis hits Brunner

ECONOMIC difficulties in South-East Asia and the pound's strength contributed to a slight fall in pre-tax profits at Brunner Mond, the chemicals manufacturer, in the six months to December 31. Profit was £8.8 million (£8.9 million) on turnover flat at E72.2 million. Earnings were 8.5p (8.6p) a share. The interim dividend is held at 2.9p. David Wertheim, chief executive, said it was hard to predict the full impact of the Asian crisis but he believed Brunner was in a strong position longer term.

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Glaxo deal lifts Cantab

CANTAB PHARMACEUTICALS in reduced its loss and strengthened its balance sheet last year - largely thanks to its deal to license a potential herpes vaccine to Glaxo Wellcome. The deal provided the bulk of Cantab's £7.7 million (£3.1 million) of revenue. The larger drugs group also took a 4 per cent stake, enabling Cantab to finish the year with £41.8 million (£36.3 million) in cash. The loss fell to £3.2 million (£4.5 million).

Planit acquired for £12m

PLANIT GROUP, a developer of point-of-sale software, will reverse into British Thornton, a holding company whose main business is packaging, it was announced yesterday. British Thornton will pay about £12 million for Planit, of which £9 million will be satisfied through the issue of new shares to the vendors. In the six months to October 31 Planit earned operating profits of £580,000 on sales of £2.05 million. British Thornton shares were suspended at 25½ p yesterday.

Domestic advances 13%

DOMESTIC & GENERAL GROUP, the specialist domestic appliance breakdown insurer, lifted pre-tax profits 12.8 per cent to £6.7 million in the six months to December 31. This was despite disappointing trading in December and the impact of increased rates of insurance premium tax, which adversely affected point of sale retailer schemes. Earnings rose 17.3 per cent to 13.19p a share and the interim dividend is increased to 3.5p from 2.9p. The shares rose 8p to 533p.

Olivetti to sell division

OLIVETTI, the Italian information technology and telecoms company, is to sell its Olsy systems and services division to Wang Laboratories of the US in a \$390 million (£236 million) cash-and-shares deal that gives Olivetti a 19 per cent stake in the US company. The new Wang-Olsy group is expected to have combined revenues of about \$3.6 billion. Olivetti will shortly announce a second deal concerning the future of its Lexikon computer office equipment division.

Gates offers concession to ease pressure over Internet

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

BILL GATES, the Microsoft chairman, offered a lastminute key concession on the eve of a congressional hearing on his company's monopoly in the software sector.

Internet service providers having contractual relationships with Microsoft will be allowed to promote internet browsers made by Mr Gates's competitors, he declared in an effort to soften political pressure. Mr Gates will be interviewed by the Judiciary

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Committee today. Brad Smith Microsoft's general counsel, said: "We

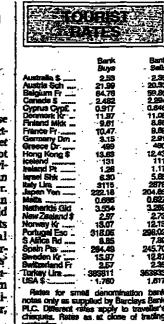
look at our contracts with an they will not have to choose eye to what might be a cause of potential concern. We addressed those concerns."

Microsoft is being prosecuted by the Justice Department for anti-competitive practices in the Internet sector. The company has been on the defensive since the first court battle in December but has so far rejected moves to limit its ability to market the Microsoft Explorer Internet browser.

The rewriting of Microsoft's contracts will affect around 40 luternet companies worldwide. In future,

between Microsoft and Netscape, the current market leader. But they still cannot promote the Netscape Navigator more heavily than Microsoft's Internet Explorer. A Microsoft spokesman said the new policy should

ward off any complaints about cross-promotional agreements. Mr Gates yesterday sought to calm investors fears that the launch of Windows 98, the operating system to replace Windows '95, Microsoft's main breadwinner, will not be delayed.





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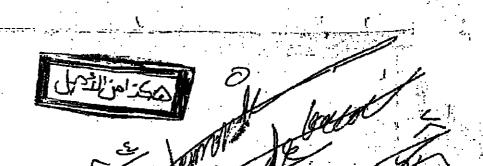
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different matter.
Yet the immaculately conformed Strachan stuck to the path he had mapped out and now the destination is in sight BTR, the purposeful engineering group, is about to

appear.

Now inchcape, too, is oping for the fashionably streamlined look, dividing itself up in a way that highlights attractions which have been previously overlooked. The company's share price would surely not have languished for so long had more investors been aware that incheape is big in Coke bottling in Chile and Peru.

Perhaps there will come a time when conglomerates are not stimmed as mere testimony to unkinged ambition but there is no current sign of the concept

unhinged ambition but there is no current sign of the concept being rehabilitated. So Mr Strachan has devoted himself to baling out of an assortment of businesses and yesterday won City applause for the price he achieved on a job lot of packaging operations. Del Boy himself would have been impressed with the deal. But would he have been so enamoured of Mr Strachan's so enamoured of Mr Strachan's decision to hand back most of the £2.2 billion to shareholders?

an Strachan has had a miserable couple of years trying to persuade the City that he knows what to do to make sense of BTR. He could talk a good strategy and tid, repeatedly and often with the aid of extension flin characteristics. sive flip charts. Walking it was a

as fashionable as conglomerates once were: Inchcape can now be added to the list of those planning such a move to chary favour with shareholders. Yet there is an element of defeatism in a com-

pany admitting that it cannot think of anything to do with the cash that would carn a decerreturn for shareholders. Adventurous managers are al-ready turning their attention to the Far East and looking for opportunities to go bottom fishing in markets where companies are beginning to look cheap.

There would surely be bargains for BTR to bolt onto the

engineering business which is now its raison d'erre. Those who opt for the slimming approach must beware of anorexia. Mr Strachan has not yet been so cowed by City criticism that he has succumbed to this — last year he bought Exide Electronics Next in line for £361 million — but he needs to build what is left of BTR. Embarking ion that course

should ensure him a job for the future. The most notable aspect of Philip Cashing's strategy for Inchcape is that it does away with the need for him or his finance director. An unusually 2.2 billion to shareholders? selfless ploy at a time when Share buybacks are currently multi-billion pound deals



COMMENTARY by our City Editor

founder on the job prospects of a chief executive.

But Cushing is clearly confident that his achievements at Incheape will ensure that another role will be waiting for him — and his game plan does allow him 18 months to line up the perfect post. Jan Leschly may have been less confident of finding a job which could reward him on the scale that he has become accustomed to at SmithKline Beecham.

Sir Brian is

7 ho better to be the next chairman of Next than V Sir Brian Pitman? His may not be the name that automatically springs to mind when thinking of the most nattily dressed man in the City, but Sir Brian has been very close to super-model Naomi Campbell. The moment was brief, but

affectionate, and certainly made an impression on those who witnessed it.

Dedicated followers of fashion

By the standards of many boardroom appointments, that encounter makes Sir Brian very well qualified to move into the chair at the fashion chain. If a spell as the boss of Britain's railways can lead — disastrously — to the chairmanship of Sears, Sir Brian may even be overqualified. Nominations committees, egged on by headhunters, saw nothing wrong with putting senior lawyers and former journalists into the top jobs in British banking, although experience may ensure that real live bankers are given priority when the jobs come round again. By contrast, the appointment

of Sir Brian as a successor to Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale is truly inspired. At Lloyds TSB he has demonstrated a resounding determination to stick to what the bank does best and to bear in mind what customers want. If he

Pearson law

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sold for £70m

PEARSON, the information

and publishing group, has sold its specialist law pub-lishing business to The

Thomson Corporation for £70 million. FT Law and

Tax titles include Wilkin-

son's Road Traffic Offences

and The Solicitor (Ray-

At the same time yester-

day Pearson announced the

formal creation of a new Financial Times group de-

signed to provide news,

analysis, comment and

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tive of the Financial Times

newspaper, will become

chief executive of the new

Pearson has already an-

Stephen Hill, chief execu-

mond Snoddy writes).

can ensure that Next abides by the same policy, the retailer stands every chance of continuing the remarkable run that it has had in recent years.

The double act of Lord Wolfson, now installed in the chair at his family firm, GUS, and David Jones, the chief exec-utive, has taken Next to sales which, in terms of density and reliability, come closer to Marks & Spencer's achievements than any high street rival. The innovative George Davies made Next a household name but almost killed it with his wild ambitions for the brand. Wolfson and Jones brought it back from the brink, building on the loyal customers Davies had wood but keeping their eyes firmly on the bottom line rather than the headlines.

Sir Brian is the ideal choice to continue that success. He will not have wild ideas about making Next a huge force in financial services: he knows that banks can do that perfectly well, if they

lurch. Barings had been bought from the receivers by ING which wanted to keep key staff and insulated them from disaster. Much of PSUK was taken over by Spain's Grupo Santander, including nearly all the directors, but the judge felt the legalities were not so clear-cut. are properly run. The arrival of a new chairman in May is not before time. Although both Wolfson and Jones have insisted that there is no conflict of interest in Wolfson chairing both GUS and Next, others have perceived

both use catalogues.

Preying on the

udge Doreen Le Pichon of Hong Kong seemed shocked to find that Peregrine Securi-

ties UK paid out about £5 million

in bonuses, four fifths of its 1997

profit, while its parent group was

going spectacularly bust. Nearly half was earmarked for

eight directors. But the judge had

to admit this was in one sense moderate for PSUK. Bonuses

had absorbed 90 per cent of the smaller 1996 profit.

To hardened observers of investment banks, however, the

judge's strictures over Peregrine

would seem fairly routine. Senior folk in profitable parts of Barings

pocketed millions in bonuses

while owners of Barings debt

and charities were left in the

shareholders

At least PSUK made profits. Even when a business is being closed to stem losses, as at NatWest, there can be staggering contractual bonuses to meet. that the two organisations do Such a contradiction shows that have more than a little in common: both sell clothes and owners of these self-help groups are out of their depth.

Public companies are playing against partnerships such as Goldman Sachs and private firms on terms that can make nonsense of duties to shareholders. Those who demand riches should carry the risk that goes with it, not be mollycoddled. Investment bankers have become overmighty subjects.

Pay bonanza

SIR Desmond Pitcher was clearly in generous mood when he agreed the deal that brought Derek Lewis a £3 million pay cheque last year. Vertex has done little more than United Utilities did for itself before its creation, since, with only one exception, it failed to win any outside business. No matter, Mr Lewis collected his bonanza. Another case of shareholders being seen as generous providers from whom others can profit ...

Billiton takes cautious stance over investment

By Carl Mortished, international business editor

BILLITON, the mining and metals group, warned inves-tors yesterday not to expect rapid progress in investing the company's \$1.7 billion (about El billion) cash pile in the distressed base metals

Brian Gilbertson, chairman, said the company was well advanced in evaluating several projects, including privatisations in Venezuela Colombia and the Congo but he added: "I am aware that expectations of some imminent new investment are high. However, we will drily invest where shareholder value is created. Nothing less will be

Mr Gilbertson said that the Venezuelan Government had

privatisation of the 600,000 tonne per year Puerto Ordaz aluminim complex, making it difficult to achieve its full potential for years. In addition, potential investors are expected to spend \$300 million on environmental im-

provements plus a further

\$300 million on a maintenance backlog.

Shares in the mining group gained 6 per cent to 158p as it revealed a 47 per cent rise in attributable profit in the first half to \$249 million. Much of the advance was

because of a strong perfor-

contributed \$139 million compared with \$88 million in the same period last year, mainly through stronger aluminium However, Billiton's stake in

Ingwe Coal and Samanco, the steel and ferro-alloy business, suffered from weak commodity prices; Ingwe's profit con-tribution fell from \$33 million to \$23 million in the first half. The company said yester-day that weak exammodity

prices had created more difficult conditions but indicated that most of Billiton's businesses were at the low end of the cost spectrum. David Munro, head of the

aluminium business, said that demand was stable for the metal but destocking in the interim dividend of 3.5 US

on the Japanese price premium. He said: "Some metal that we would normally expect in the Far East is heading for the

Billiton sold forward some 170,000 tonnes of aluminium at prices of \$1,600 per tonne. representing 20 per cent of annual production. Billiton's gearing at the end

December was nil and liquid resources rose to \$1.7

The company is soon to make an investment decision on the Mozal project, a 245,000 tonne aluminium smelter in Maputo, Mozambique, which is expected to cost \$1.25 billion.

nounced plans to spend up to £100 million on the Financial Times over five Billiton is paying a maiden years with particular emphasis on the US market.

Perkins sells fruit and veg division

BY ADAM JONES

SHARES of Perkins Foods rose 13p to 138½ p yesterday on the news that it is to pull out of fruit and veg and return £45.4 million to shareholders. It also appointed a new chief executive.

Perkins fruit-and-veg distribution division is being sold to Greenery International, part of the Dutch fruit and vegetable producers' co-operative, for about £127 million in cash.

Perkins believes the fruit-andveg business is going to face much stiffer competition. lan Blackburn, deputy chief executive and finance director, said the deal would allow Perkins to plough more money into higher-margin areas such as ready-made chitled meals.

The disposal price was more than 14 times the division's post-tax earnings and will leave Perkins with too much capital. The resulting £45.4

is dependent on the disposal being cleared by shareholders and by Dutch regulators, will mean a payment of about 25p per ordinary share and 22.8p

per preference share. One share in five will be cancelled. The effect of the buyback plus a forthcoming acquisition in France and head office cuts - means that 1998 earnings should not be diluted by the

disposal, Mr Blackburn said. Mr Blackburn will succeed Howard Phillips as chief executive of the group when the latter retires in May. Perkins also reported yesterday that pre-tax profits in 1997 rose 19 per cent to £28 million, despite a £4.2 million currency hit.

Turnover rose 34 per cent to £626.8 million. A dividend of 2.8p will be paid on April 28, making a year total of 4.6p.

Recovery for Graham at the double

GRAHAM GROUP, the builders' merchants, recovered from a poor 1996, to nearly double profits in

1997 (Adam Jones writes). Profits before tax recovered from £10.7 million in 1996, when Graham was hammered by a downturn in housebuilding, to £21.3 million in 1997.

Turnover slipped from £533.9 million to £530.8 million, however, reflecting Graham's major presence in Scotland, where the housing market recovery has been slow.

Ian Mills, chief executive, said the recovery was helped by a scheme whereby all 3,500 Graham employees received three days' residential training.

A dividend of 4p per

share will be paid on May 5, making a total of 6p (5.7p) for the year.

Britt Allcroft near Thomas deal

MEDIA EDITOR
BRITT ALLCROFT, the chillisytti na sell dii

dren's entertainment production, distribution and licensing company best known for Thomas the Tank Engine, is close to a deal to buy the master rights to Thomas from Reed Elsevier. Britt Allcroft and Egmont,

Britt Allcroft would own television and other related rights for which at present it must pay a licence fee of £2 million a year. Egmont would get the publishing rights to the Thomas books.

and character-licensing rights The company is

thought to be in talks with Gunness Mahon, the merchant bank, to buy the rights to the children's television

to £1.21 million, for the half year to December 31. Earnings per share rose to 3.23p, from 2.86p. The interim dividend rises to 0.7p, from 0.6p. The company also said

yesterday that agreement has been reached to license a Thomas area within a longestablished theme park on the lower slopes of Mount Fuji.

Merrill makes first | More jobs to go at changes at MAM British Polythene

By Richard Miles

MERRILL LYNCH, the US investment bank, has made the first changes to the management team at Mercury Asset Management (MAM) since it bought the company for £3.1 billion last November. The head of MAM's fixed-interest division, Charles Jack-

son, has been supplanted by his direct counterpart at Merrill, Tim Manna, A forther 20 appointments at the same level are expected to be announced during the next

A letter sent to pension conultarits last Friday says Mr Jackson, who has been head of MAM's fixed-interest division for 13 years, has been given the newly created role of head of new product development.
Mr Manna is bringing across at least five of his

colleagues from Merrill's fixed-interest division. Mr Jackson said: "I would rated fixed-interest capability.

like to emphasise that the combined group is fully committed to maintaining a top-Pension consultants interpreted Mr Manna's appointment as the first dabbling by Merritt in MAM's business.

BRITISH Polythene Industries, the plastic bags manufacturer, yesterday blamed difficult trading conditions, restructuring costs and ster-ling's strength for a 17 per cent slide in annual pre-tax profits.

BPI said that further restruc-turing would be needed, involving the loss of up to 200 jobs, as it reported 1997 profits of £23.2 million, down from £28 million in 1996. The results were below expectations and the shares fell 25p to 45l 2p as analysis cut current-year forecasts. Cameron McLatchie, chair-

man, said he believed that last

year's results were a temporary setback. However, the stretchwrap market remained tough and had margins of 2 to 3 per cent, a slight improvement on last year. Mr McLatchie said that he

full-year profits of about £28 million, instead of £30 million. Turnover for 1997 was 10 per cent up, at £454 million. Earnings per share fell to 41.2p, from 47.07p. The final dividend rises to 13.6p (12p), lifting the



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Blue Circle surges on prospects for sector

BLUE Circle Industries surged 39p to 394p yesterday as dealers turned bullish about prospects for the building materials sector.

The 11 per cent advance. with almost four million shares traded, could trigger a turning point for other companies in the sector, which has so far missed out on the mood of euphoria elsewhere in the stock market.

City analysts explain the rise as dawning realisation that the sector is in for relative stability over the next few years, ending the boom-andbust track record.

The entire sector now seems to be on the up. It entered 1998 on a 15-year low compared with the market as a whole. Now some dealers are already taking positions on a touch of takeover speculation.

A current favourite is Graham Group, up 7 p to 178p after returning solid results. Word is that lan Mills, its chief executive, would view favourably a cash offer of more than 200p a share. The shares have been gaining

since hitting 160p last month. Travis Perkins, up 122p at 571p, is also being floated as a potential suitor. It has bought six companies in the past 12 months. The Prudential owns about 5 per cent of both companies, and is coming into

the frame as marriage broker. Marley, up 2p at 1122p, is also looking vulnerable. It has an enviable portfolio, but has been criticised in some quarters for lacklustre management. In the past three weeks. the shares have sprung from 83p - suggesting that a move may be imminent.

The entire 3.68 per cent surge in the sector was first traced to results from Lilleshall, a small windows and doors specialist which has mounted a strong recovery in the past six months.

Results yesterday show it has overcome divisional management problems and the shares added op to 1004p going into triple figures for the first time in three years.

Some of this is also beginning to rub off on Wolseley. up 29p to 529p, and Meyer International, up 12p at

391 p.
BTR, the shrinking engineering conglomerate, headed the resurgence of another of the sharpest one-day rises ever seen by a FTSE 100 company after winning £2.2



Brian Gilbertson, left, and Mick Davies, finance director at Billiton, saw a 58 per cent profit rise in aluminium

billion in cash for its glass and

packaging division. The shares jumped 253 p to 187p — adding an instant El.05 billion to the value of the FTSE. 100. This helped the market to gain 53.3 to a high of 5.820.6, climbing down from 5.849.6 at the end of trading.

Although Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale had been expected to quit the board of Next.

off 36p at 792 p, his departure punctured speculation that he may attempt to merge the retailer with Great Universal Stores, up 102p to 7852p. He is devoting his attention

to GUS's £1.6 billion hostile bid for Argos, which after rising 4p to 6l4p yesterday is now valued at £1.76 billion.

GUS reports its results next week - and analysts say that



MORGAN CRUCIBLE gave the City a nasty surprise with its gloomy trading statement in January. Analysts had already been nervous; the strong pound usually spells disaster for exporters. A heavy spell of new year profits downgrading drove the sector to

But did the sector really deserve to underperform the FTSE by 13 per cent since the new year? Yesterday's 3.62 per cent rise in the sector suggests the City The phenomonal one-

day recovery of BTR has

a bit daft - and eager to spot the other innocent victims of the past few Siebe, British Aerospace

left bearish dealers feeling

and BBA have been taking their turn to bounce back. FKI still sits on a 35 per cent discount when a 20 per cent would be more suitably

The engineering results season kicks off next week, and is expected to be less of a bloodbath than the City expected. But with the likes the recovery seems set to go

results it may well have to crank up its 570p-a-share hostile bid.

Shares of Logica continued their advance yesterday -breaking through the £15 barrier which Nomura securities set as a year-end target only two months ago. At the time, it was criticised for being too ambitious but now targets of £18 are being mentioned.

proaching the £20 barrier and the advance of both companies is giving City analysts a bad dose of vertigo.

Each advance in the shares price is accompanied by inestment notes warning that the multiples are unsustainable, and that the whole sector

The trigger now being mentioned is staff share options. Billiton, whose chairman and chief executive is Brian Gilbertson, demonstrated why it does not deserve to be dragged down with the slump in precious metals yesterday by returning a 58 per cent increase in profit from aluminium, its main earner. The shares, which have plunged from their 220p flotation price last summer, recovered a further 94 p to close at 1583 p. There was some light profit-taking from Eidos. dropping 40p from its post-Christmas high of £11. The run has been fuelled by more

Tomb Raider II. Technology stocks also livened up the Alternative Investment Market, mainly on the back of tips from Techinvest the trade publication. It fancies Memory Corporation, up 512p to a four-month high of 35p, and Highams

profits from Lara Croft and

Systems, up 17p to 222p.

Deep-Sea Leisure firmed a further 15p to 340p. Dealers expect its aquarium in Chester to prove every bit as profitable as its flagship Scottish site.

GH.T-EDGED: Dealers found reasonable trade on volume of 59,000. Longs did best, as Treasury 8 per cent 2021 gained E²⁷32 to E125¹³32. Treasury 7 per cent 2002 advanced £316 to £10212.

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ness - looks increasingly

dubious as a source of value

for investors, because of the

oncrous conditions attached.

Billiton has positioned it-

BILLITON'S WEALTH NO HELP

IF INCHCAPE did not exist already, no one would take the trouble to create it. Importing success of demerger lies with the fast-growing Toyotas to the UK has little in common with bottling Coca-Cola in Chile, selling photocopiers in China, or running shops for Timberland boots in Japan. Just in case management had any lingering affection for this assortment, the dangers of owning a complex and poorly understood portfolio shares in the bottler, but incheape believes were clearly exposed by the Asian economic this is a problem easily solved. crisis. Inchcape's shares halved, a far bigger

fall than the anticipated drop in profits. The planned demerger must be a step in the ight direction, but it will be a messy affair, with at least five separate transactions. The Russian bottling operation is running up heavy losses and Inchcape will have to accept Coca-Cola's price for it. The sale of the port agency network and the office equipment

success of demerger lies with the fast growing South American bottling business. Happily for Inchcape, soft drinks bottlers currently command a premium rating on the Chilean stock market and the company hopes its business might be worth £500 million. Few UK shareholders will want to hang on to their

The Asian marketing business remains a ragbag with declining profits, but luchcape is valuing it at around only £100 million. Estimates of the total break-up value suggest Incheape's shares could be worth anything from 216p to nearly 300p. Although the shares jumped to 212p yesterday, they look to have little downside. But the scale of the untertainties should limit their attractions to the hold.

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the fall in base metal prices

but its return on capital will

suffer from an embarrass-

ment of riches in the bank.

With aluminium inven-

tories still low, Billiton

shares still look good on

fundamentals but having tempted investors to fund its

appetite for deals, it needs to

Billiton

BILLITON has not done itself any favours by failing to come up with the anticipated offer for Ingwe Coal, South Africa's biggest coal-miner. A worldwide oversupply of coal has kept prices down and depressed Ingwe's shares they have halved since June and the company's worth has tumbled to only £475 million. Billiton already has a 42 per cent inter-

est in Ingwe, and it could buy the rest at bargain levels. Its pockets are stuffed with cash, having raised \$1.5 billion (£890 million) in last summer's flotation and secured a further \$1.5 billion with a new credit

ility. Of course, the former ernational arm of Gencor uld probably rather not be in to be increasing exposure South Africa. But where	Source: Delastres		
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perhaps, but Ian Blackburn of Perkins was right when he said that it is almost unknown in the world of fresh produce to sell a business for 14 times earnings. That is the price Perkins has achieved for its fruit-and-

veg distribution division. The

A TOUCH melodramatic

Dutch buyers are a cooperative of farmers who were willing to pay a premium to own the means of distribution. Perkins does not want to blow the money on acquisitions and so is returning £45.4 million to investors. It wants to concentrate on chilled and

and a small acquisition is planned there. uropean profile, less dependent on

and more on the UK. Taking out the lower-margin fresh produce operations could make Perkins more attractive to a

Although the shares look fairly priced on fundamen-- Henderson Crosthwaite reckons earnings per share should be maintained this year, giving a prospec-tive p/e of about 14.3 — the chance of a bid provides some speculative interest.

Corporate Servs

LIKE a depressive teenager. Corporate Services is fond of telling anyone willing to listen that it's misunderstood. And it is probably right.

The company falls between outsourcers such as Capita and temporary labour providers such as Reed Employment. CS specialises in negotiating contracts for skilled labourers for an averalso trains people to get National Vocational Qualifica-

tions. CS avoids the pitfalls of outsourcing, where budgets have to be set in advance. It also avoids the risks of dealing with temporary staff the first to be sacked come a recession. In fact, to end a CS contract prematurely re-

quires a damages payment. However, the bears are keen to point out CS's problems. CS says that hiccups in its training division are short term, but they were taken seriously enough by the City to spoil yesterday's otherwise healthy results. Running NVQ courses is risky: CS gets its money only when pupils pass the exams, and the sys-

tem is open to fraud. Investors will just have to wait and see how much money comes it later this year, although many analysts would be happier if CS just quietly dumped the division. But even if it doesn't, the shares still look attrative at 23lp, and are rated well be-

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Chancellor proves he can be resourceful

as one of the more shy and retiring arms of the Government Yet, with mone of the usual fanfare. Gardon Brown is next month set to emulate Gladstone by tishering in one of the largest shake-ups in Whitehall behaviour in over a century.

The reform in question is the introduction of resource accountancy to Whitehall departments. The subject is regarded as so dry that even a department that regularly de-lights us with its fiscal transparency codes cannot manage to get excited. Few beyond the private sector accountants who look set to enjoy a public sector employment boom will be toasting its introduction, which represents the biggest change to public accounting for 130 years.

Resource accounting is a move towards the system.long used by business that takes into account the movement in the value of assets as well as basic expenditure. The existing cash accountancy system, which was introduced by Gladstone and laid the foun-

needs the most

stable link possible between

the pound and the euro, at a

competitive rate for the

pound. There must be some

scope for adjusting rates, or

we might as well be in EMU;

but it is impossible for in-

dustry to plan its future investment or operations in Europe effectively when the

pound is as erratic as it has

been since we left the ERM.

with the euro must start with

the paumo at a realistic level

that puts UK industry on an

equal footing with conti-nental producers. Other

members of the EU who are

not in EMU also need such a

link, particularly those who

There already exists a framework for linking the ins and outs — the ERM.

Unfortunately, it has become discredited in British eyes since the Black Wednesday

fiasco, when speculation

drove the pound off its par-

for some such mechanism,

we need to consider carefully why the ERM failed and how

a new framework might be

case of the UK was to join

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when we left the ERM, the

pound has again floated up

to an unsustamable level. approaching three marks, which the National Institute

and Goldman Sachs es-

timate to represent a 20 per cent over-valuation. We

should not enter any new

stabilisation arrangements

with the pound any higher than around DM2.50.

ERM in its latter days was

that the participants were

unable to agree on changes in parities when they were

needed; and at the same

time, there was no effective

agreement for defending

The weakness of the

made more effective. The basic mistake in the.

intend to join later.

However, any formal link

decidedly long in the tooth. Cash accountancy simply provides for a budget to cover running costs each year. Resource accountancy adds an extra dimension, providing information on the use of assets and enabling departments to analyse expenditure according to departmental objectives.

The introduction of resource accountancy forms a vital plank in Mr Brown's plan to overhaul the public finances. The Chancellor has made clear his determination to redirect funds into the Government's target areas such as health and education without substanially raising taxes or. increasing the deficit. Resource accountancy is the vital tool for ensuring an orderly programme of asset sales to

raise new funds. The Treasury has already given the country a taste of the potential for a new round of government sell-offs with the publication of the National Asset Register - dubbed the modern Domesday Book - in This information forms a

central part of the new accounting system and will enable the Government to identify superfluous or inefficient assets for disposal. Curiosities abound: the Ipswich Town football club car park owned by the in-

land Revenue; the Home Office's personal stud farm and even Newton's apple tree at the National Physical Laboratory. Accountants have had trouble placing a fair value on the huge range of assets - how do you value a former Napoleonic War bunker now storing toxic waste? - but the best estimates place the Government's assets in the region of £200 billion to £300 billion. Asset rich departments headed by the Ministry of Defence that owns about

90.000 assets - are likely to

come under intense pressure

to launch a big sell-off. For the

orderly disposal of assets by allowing departments to keep proceeds of up to El00 million, as long as the money is used for investment purposes. However, after 2001, the money will revert to the Treasury and

ing to encourage an

there is likely to be a substanial redistribution of funds to the Government's target departments. Mr Brown wants to make sure that Whitehall's assets - in business parlance - sweat. The underlying aim is to change the pervading White-hall culture. The existing cash-

based system locks departments into a zero-sum game where each department battles against each other to win the rgest sum possible from the Exchequer. Under the new system, departments should be able to look further ahead and make a clearer assess-

kind of medium-term targets that businesses use and clearly show how it intends to shift funding towards health and education, without undermining the efficiency of other

departments.
The Government's performance will also be easier to monitor with the Office for National Statistics already preparing a new measure of public sector output expected to be introduced early next

Few can question the potential positive impact of this set of reforms. However, as with most of the Government's best laid plans, the implementation is proving a touch more diffi-cult. The introduction of the new system is tied to a tight deadline that will see departments making a practice run in this financial year, followed by running the two systems in parallel in 1999-2000. By the financial year 2000-2001, the accountancy system should be fully operational in

Whitehall. The National Audit Office last week gave warning that the necessary computer systems and that limited progress had been made in defining departmental aims and objectives. Two departments, the MoD and the Department for Transport, Environment and the Regions, came in for particular criticism with the NAO indicating that they will

miss the April I deadline. The danger is that the rush to meet the deadline will hurry the Government into hiring private sector accountants, in much the same way as the drive to introduce businessthinking into policy-making led to a boom for management consultancy.

The accountancy profes-sion, which until now has been largely excluded from Whitehall, can barely conceal its glee at the reform which finally makes its skills compatible with government accounting rules. The Trea-sury needs to establish guidelines on Civil Service use of private sector accountancy skills quickly, if the benefits of the new system are not to be squandered on expensive pri-

always lie within the pre-vious band, so that there

would not necessarily be any

further overnight fall (or rise)

when the central rate went

down (or up), thus reducing

the scope for one-way bets

against a currency that are so

profitable when sizeable

Provision for automatic support to keep rates within

the agreed bands would de-

pend primarily on action by

the European central bank

and the Bank of England,

unless a special stabilisation

fund was set up for this

purpose. Either way, the

European central bank would inevitably be in a powerful position. But an obligation to provide support

for currencies under pres-sure would give it a strong

incentive to support changes

needed to keep exchange rates at realistic levels.

he euro/sterling problem is a micro-

how to ensure greater ex-change rate stability. The

creation of the euro as one of

the major world currencies

should give impetus to a new

initiative to stabilise exchange

rates on a global scale.

A little while ago the

emphasis would have been

primarily on the relations between the dollar, the yen

and the euro (cum sterling)

But the Asian crisis has

created an urgent need to

stabilise exchange rates on a wider basis. The recent

depreciation of Asian currencies is creating debt and

trade problems the mag-

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devaluations occur.

Holy Grail of sales and press coverage

he public relations industry is not known for giving straight answers. But even public rela-tions officers find it difficult to explain away some recent figures that suggest the gulf between the perception and reality of a company performance is widening.

Figures due out this week from The Presswatch Quarterly will confirm Tesco as having the most favourable coverage of any company in the UK press throughout 1997. No surprises there. What is astonishing is that

Sainsbury's has risen to number three; a considerlast year the group was near the bottom, having issued its third profits warning. Its ascent can, in part, be attributed to the successful launch of its bank in the third quarter. The favourable publicity of this affected the fourth quarter, putting it temporarily at the top of the table, before yielding to Tesco in the final analysis.

Perception and reality are clearly out of kilter here. Sainsbury's overall performance has improved, but not by that much. At 15 per cent share, Tesco is still the market leader by 1.7 percentage points, according to Taylor Nelson AGB. Sainsbury's PR machine has obviously been hard at work.

This brings to mind Virgin, another company skilled at PR. The image of the Branson empire portrayed in the tabloids does not accurately reflect its true state of health. Glowing reports, usually accompanied by a picture of Richard Branson, hide the comewhat fragile state of affairs that is gradually being disclosed in the financial pages. The Virgin PR machine is running so fast it is in danger of overtaking one of Branson's late-running trains. Seemingly, Virgin is failing to match its hyperbole.

Until an effective link can be found between PR and performance, then PR will continue to be less important than other marketing devices, such as advertising or sales promotion.

The situation has prompt ed the Public Relations Consultants Association to go on the PR offensive. It is holding seminars explaining the benefits of PR to senior clients. At the top of the agenda is the need for precise evaluation of campaigns and a uniform method of measurement. "Measurement is the hot topic,"

says Christopher Broadbent chairman of Ansdell Group. "We'll never reach the heights to which we aspire until we have that particular issue licked."

Reflecting industry con-

cems, PR Week, the trade magazine, has launched a campaign — Proof — urging PR companies and their dients to put aside 10 per cent of their budgets to pay for research to prove that PR campaigns are achieving their objectives. While companies are willing to pay large sums to research advertising campaigns they balk at paying similar pact of their PR. Until this changes no one will be any the wiser about effectiveness.

You've got to be able to do more than just weigh up Farish, editor of PR Week, says. The biggest problem the industry faces is not being able to find a link between press coverage and sales. It is, if you like, the Holy Grail." At the end of the day are

we able to read anything at all into PR performance figures? Sandra Macleod, managing director of Camra International, which analyses public relations media coverage, says it takes time for the perceived image of a company to match the commercial reality. Take Reuters, for example, two months ago it topped Management Today's table of the UK's most admired companies' survey. That rating will surely change as the full cost of its contretemps with Bloomberg becomes clear.

s Madeod cites Tesco's position in 1993 as an example of how confusing PR can be. For a time the consumer and financial press told different stories. Tesco's products and services continued to gain plaudits in the consumer press, while the financial press was questionmanagement and strategy. Eventually, the investmen community became disenchanted and Tesco's share price plummeted.

Five years on and Tesco is in the remarkable position in having both the most successful PR and market leadership: a fact that will doubtlessly be seized upon by the PR industry as proof that PR does indeed work.

JULIAN LEE

Unstable exchange rates pose threat to industry worldwide

The single currency starts without us. But for Britain to thrive, argues John Grieve Smith, there must be an effective ERM





After the ERM's failure when Norman Lamont, left, was Chancellor, Gordon Brown must consider a new framework

they came under attack. In practice, any such defence depended on decisions by the

Any effective new system must provide for agreement on adjustments in central rates", when required, and then for automatic support for the agreed parities when needed. This may be particu-

larly important for new entrants to the EU. In any new system, there must be official parities between each participant and the euro, but these should be considerably narrower than the present plus or minus 15 per cent, say plus or minus 2.5 per cent.

To minimise the potential gains from speculation,

changes in parities should be small and relatively frequent, rather than large and infrequent. (There is a parallel with the way the Bank Rate is now set, with regular monthly meetings and 0.25

per cent changes.) Exchange rates should be reviewed by a sub-committee of Ecofin at regular monthly or quarterly intervals, with a limit to the size of change at any other time.

For example, a limit of, say, I per cent on monthly changes should allow ample scope for adjusting for dif-ferent rates of inflation between members. With changes limited in this way, the new central rate would

to the cocaine cartels. But Lord

Irvine, if banned from the law? Little

William Hague? Sensible sugges-tions for them and their ilk, please. I

NATWEST has hired William Mar-

tin, a polyglot American and former

head of global risk management at

may even publish the good ones.

Risk business

The perils of unstable exchange rates when finance and industry operate on a global scale are becoming

fects has vet to be seen.

For Europe and the world economy, the pressing prob-lem is to find an effective exchange rate mechanism that lies between the extremes of complete currency union and freely floating rates.

did not have much choice, because

his employer, Lowe Bell, acts for the State of Brunei, which is not an ac-

count you want to lose, and ... well,

the link between the Sultan and Al

Fayed temporarily evades me, but I

Piers Pottinger. Hmm, which anec-

dote to choose. Anyone remember the little pas de deux he used to do at the

City's annual charity concert? Wasn't

it a pink ladies' swimming costume

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former chairman of Richard Ellis, BZW, as director of group risk. NatWest bridles at my suggestion from the court. But the election is not that it is picking up Barclays' left-overs. "Bill oversaw the transition to until June 24, so there is plenty of time for outsiders to appear. We can, Credit Suisse First Boston, and he alas, write off Dennis Delderfield, was doing that when this job came who withdrew from the race last year

 I FEAR my old friend Tim Steer is causing trouble again. Steer, who by a circuitous route has reached Merrill Lynch as an analyst, is having a feud with Corporate Services. He is negative about the firm, which still seems to be doing rather well. And Steer has a new nickname at Corporate Services: Bum Steer.

The fun comes when someone else

tries to shoulder-charge their way in.
This year's establishment candi-

dates so far are Gavin Arthur, from

the Aldermen, and Brian Harris,

after telling a Guildhall audience

what he thought of the system. Which leaves Tony Bull, who has crossed

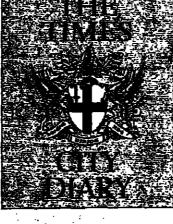
the system before, and won. He is not

saying much at present, but many in

the City hope he will stand.

Sits vac

YOU can imagine my delight at the news that Jonathan Aitken, who was



so cruelly tormented by the media last year about some entirely understandable lapses of concentration, has found a solution to his financial problems at GEC Marconi. On reflection, there is something so inevitable about Jonathan Aitken restoring his fortunes by flogging things that kill people to corrupt Third World countries for use on their own people that one wonders why no one thought of it before.

But it sets me to pondering what other obvious career moves await the great and the good fallen on hard times. Peter Mandelson, in post-Millennium Dome disgrace, would make a perfect downmarket news-paper columnist, the voice that every politician fears". Still. Geoffrey Robinson could become a tax consultant

up," says a spokesman. Just one thing If the two banks ever merge, then Martin will be back where he started. But as a risk manager, he should know all about that. • SIR RONNIE HAMPEL, the

sculptor of corporate governance guidelines, received a little (£61,000) pat on the back from ICI for his own upstanding behaviour. He was unable to exercise share options while negotiating the purchase of Unilever's speciality chemicals, discussions that were a mite price sensitive. So ICI had to compensate him.

Potty trained

PIERS POTTINGER is to be the new Michael Cole, official mouthpiece of Mohamed Al Fayed, Presumably he and plastic bath-cap? Synchronised swimming, to Ravel's Bolero? Once seen, never forgotten, at least not without lengthy psychiatric treat-ment. Better still, anyone got photos?

MARTIN WALLER



"Howdy -- come to read your electricity meter"

the official parities when **One-horse town**

AS SLOWLY and inexorably as the two posts, thereby sparing the elec-Horse of the Year Show, the City's torate the agony of making a choice. elections for a brace of sheriffs come around again. One comes from the court of common council, the lay candidate if you like, and one from the ranks of the aldermen, thoseworthies who, if they keep their noses clean, can one day expect to become Lord Mayor. As in North Korea. Iraq, the old Soviet Union and other areas with a strong democratic tradition, the powers that be prefer there to be just two candidates for the



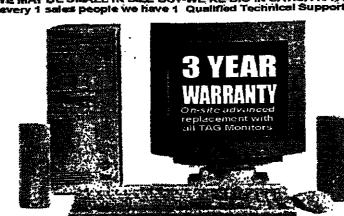
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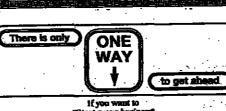
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Bank joins search for heavenly connections

business angels and companies seeking equity funds together through the Local Investment Networking Company (Linc).

There are now four banks supporting the non-profitmaking organisation. Midland, Barclays and Royal Bank of Scotland are longstanding supporters. Kingston Smith, the chartered accountancy firm, is also a sponsor. NatWest Bank has its own business angels scheme, NatWest Angels Service.

Line was set up in 1987 to match private investors with companies seeking equity funding of between £10,000 and £250,000 for business

Currently it has nearly 400 registered investors on its database, with more than £100 million available for investment. Last year it achieved 42 matches involving £5 million

of equity. Lloyds has been referring suitable companies to Linc from its branches. Last year the bank produced a guide to private finance and business



source of skills and funding."

Susan Krantz, Linc general

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small business committee,

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Susan Krantz says the "angels" concept is gaining strength

that it felt were discouraging important but underused companies from seeking equity investment. The response from customers prompted manager, said: The invest-Lloyds to back Linc formally, ments are high risk, but you John Spence, managing di-could become a significant

rector of business banking at Lloyds TSB, said: "Research we commissioned privately shows that as many as one in ten small businesses has considered private finance, but, of

"Business angels are an cept is gaining in strength.

few marriages are made in heaven, the success rate of the matches we have facilitated is Line organises meeting

around the country at which four to six companies each make a 25-minute oitch before 20 to 30 potential investors. Time is left at the end of the meeting for an informal chat.

The next meeting will be held at Kingston Smith's London office on March 12. In addition, several: commercial organ isations including Venture Capiangels with companies.

David Beer, a former direc-tor of BZW, set up Beer and Partners as private equity investors at Dorking, Surrey, three years ago. In 1995 it managed just four deals, but the total rose to 11 in 1996 and to 18 companies attracting investment capital of £4.2 mil hon last year. Mr Beer believes that there is an ness with the opportunity of enormous untapped market. Deals averaged £227,000 per company, but they varied and also have some fun and satisfaction helping a business to grow. It should appeal to from £19,000 for a wine retailer to more than El million for an outdoor display system. were software companies, a kit car manufacturer, an arts

> company.
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> Mr Beer said: "Almost any company that demonstrates that it understands its business, and what a private investor can add, can raise venture capital provided the business is presented in the

centre and a window-cleaning

This is not a market for amateurs, but for those with both a wide contact base and the experience to identify what an investor is looking for."

Linc claims that more investors and fledgeling companies report back that deals have been mutually beneficial than was the case only three years ago and that in 62 per cent of cases funds are handed over within a month of the first meeting between the two



Richard Whiteley, general manager of Lo Tec Pieman, left, with Toby Cardew, designer of the portable workbench

From hippy to DIY inventor

wasn't very good at being a hippy." says Toby Cardew. "I was too

Taking to the open road in a caravan was just one change in a highly varied career that led him, ultimately, to manufacture an ingenious device for do-ityourself enthusiasts.

Mr Cardew recalls his career path. saying: "I was running a group of restaurants in London and working 110 hours a week. One day I was out walking when I met a chap who told me to get out of London before it killed me. So I baled out and went on the road with hippies in a

When being idle palled, Mr Cardew went to design college and learnt how to make furniture. He admits: "I was very slow. I spent longer trying to hold the piece of wood down than I did actually working on it. It occurred to me that, since no one pays you for holding something, anything that cuts out that wasted time goes straights Mr Cardew losing control of the business.

to the bottom line." Mr Cardew set about inventing a portable, vacuum-powered workbench that would grip wood, glass, ceramics and other materials. It proved to be more flexible and easier to use than the traditional vice or clamp. He negotiated with Black & Decker,

finally decided he did not want his invention to go out on to the market with someone else's brand name on it. Mr Cardew was living in the Wiltshire

village of Newton Tony. He says: "I raised money from relatives. Everybody in the village i owe money to." Crucially, he also raised capital for his

which was interested in the idea, but he

company. Lo Tec Pieman, from Lloyds Bank and Line, which introduced him to Martin Crowe, a business angel. Lloyds lent £20,000 through a debenture, while Mr Crowe invested £15,000 last November. Venture capitalists offered larger investments, but that would have meant

Mr Crowe says: "I saw this device at a Linc presentation day in Swindon. For me it had what I would call a very big 'wow factor. I think it has tremendous potential and we very quickly came to an agreement for me to invest some equity."

He was so keen, in fact, that he goes out on the road to shows and exhibitions demonstrating the product. This month Mr Crowe will be at a trade fair in

Nuremberg.

The original invention costs £450, but
Mr Cardew has produced a smaller version selling at £89 and working off the power of a vacuum cleaner. Export markets have been won in the US, Scandinavia and Australia and negotiations are taking place to grant a licence to an American manufacturer.

Mr Cardew says: "It has been some thing of a rollercoaster ride, but potentially we have a very successful business. I am still living in the caravan, next to the

Financial backers keep a low profile on deals

NO ONE knows how many business angels there of angels are found through are, since many deals are done on an informal basis.

(Rodney Hobson writes). The British Venture Capital Association (BVCA) of the networked angels put estimates that there are about 5,600 angels registered with various networking groups, while the Bank of England suggests that the total, including those who do not register, could be as high as 18,000. Other guesses range up to 80,000. Research indi-

Small businesses are worried. that plans by Gordon Brown,

the Chancellor, to make employers pay welfare benefits through the wage packet will

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cates that about 60 per cent. family and friends.

Nor is it known how much the angels invest each year. The BVCA reckons 373 up £19 million in the 12 months to June last year. It is possible that angels have staked about £500 million in more than 3,000 businesses. There could be between another £2 billion and £4 billion available if angels

fundraising, especially for smaller companies, contin-ues to be testing, and enter-prises looking for between £20,000 and £150,000 have the toughest time. "Finding an angel is easi-

er said than done. Most business angels value their privacy. No one wants every Tom, Dick or Harry with a can be persuaded to invest. David Harvey, secretary sition knocking at the door."



Deirdre Nicholls hopes to see Celtic Silks achieve turnover of £100,000 next year

Gifts firm prospers with Celtic flair

Tifteen years ago Deirdre | Nicholls sold an old car for £250 and, with the encouragement of her hus-☐ More than 55 per cent of 500 small companies surveyed for band, David, bought a bale of Business Pages had little or no white silk and a collection of training to help their businessdyes. In the hand-painted es to grow, and 63 per cent scarves she subsequently pro-duced on her kitchen table the thought that the seminars and courses available were unhelporigins of Celtic Silks, a busiful. Half felt that the cost of ness she launched in 1994. training outweighed the hene-The firm produces a range of goods, made either of silk or fits. When asked what training

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they lacked, 38 per cent singled silk and cashmere or leather out information technology, with a silk lining. They include while 30 per cent wanted throws for putting over chairs and beds (retailing at about instruction on legal issues. £550), cummerbunds, waist-☐ The facilities management vexhibition and conference TMExpo will be held at Olymcoats for men, personal organisers, jewellery holders and credit card cases. pia, London, on April 21-23. The official exhibition of the "Celtic Silks is aimed at the luxury end of the market and British Institute of Facilities increasingly at corporate cli-ents who want high-quality gifts tailored to reflect their Management, it is organised

tions organiser, and Quadriown image," says Mrs Nicholls, who last year won lect, the conference organiser. the small business section in the annual European Women of Achievement Awards. The awards are run by the European Union of Women. Although Celtic Silks has space at the showroom of the Scottish Textile Association in Portland Place, London, its offices are near Dunkeld. Tayside, where Mrs Nicholls is designer, typist, coffee-

It looks like both my computer and I will celebrate the millennium with a breakdown!"

by Miller Freeman, the exhibi-

Christian **Dymond** on a journey from

kitchen table to corporate clients

are hopes of hitting £100,000 next year.

The firm does not make the goods itself. Mrs Nicholls designs the products and then finds the right manufacturer to complete them, specifying the detail very carefully. She has made silk ties for Walkers Shortbread, produced tartan gifts for the shop at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, in Edinburgh, and created a tartan for Coopers & Lybrand, the huge accountancy firm.

Mrs Nicholls said: "Last year when Coopers were hold-ing their European Partners conference in Edinburgh I was asked to make a range of tartan gifts for presents. They had considered using the Black Watch tartan, but I suggested they should have their own. After all, a big corporation is like a big clan. It is unified by one common

er and researcher. A parttime helper may soon become purpose." After weeks of research she has grown fivefold from came up with a subdued green E12.000 in the first year. There and blue pattern, a design that

she believed would blend perfectly with City boardrooms. There were 500 people wearing the tartan at a dinner and dance on the final evening of the conference. Subsequently, Coopers &

Lybrand produced a mail order catalogue of her tartan gifts - which included laptop cases, shoulder bags, scarves and dance sashes - for their own staff. Orders come in froin all over the world. 'My policy is to work with

blue chip companies, which is a hard line to follow when you have to turn down other orders," she says. "But the big-gest mistake I made was to do small runs for small com-panies. It wasted a lot of time and energy and usually left me with a number of goods on my shelves because I had to ask the manufacturer to do a decentsized run in the first place." As usual Mrs Nicholls at-

tended the Glasgow Trade Fair last month. October's Highland Trade Fair is her other main trade outlet. Made in Scotland, a marketing agency for Scottish gift, craft and textile companies - the organiser for both fairs - has put her in contact with a number of clients. Mrs Nicholls says: "I focus

my suppliers and work hard on constantly improving my design, manufacturing and packaging standards."

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Soho's famous jazz club has bounced back with new vigour after Ronnie Scott's death. Clive Davis meets the man in charge, Pete King

King who wears the Scott crown

ife goes on. Upstairs, in the deserted club, the Billy Cobham band are rehearsing a number. Downstairs. in the tiny musicians bar. Pete King sits at a table beneath portraits of his old friend, Ronnie

At the front door the phone line is already busy with callers making bookings for a band that is not appearing until July. The Notting Hillbillies are not the kind of act you expect to see on the bandstand

that has been graced by Stan Getz, Sonny Rollins and Ella Fitzgerald. Sometimes, though a proprietor has to think about the bottom line.

The club is certain to be packed for the two weeks that Mark Knopfler and his fellow rockers are due to play here. King's accountants who presumably poscarry on 9 sess a handsome set of stomach ulcers - will be well pleased. Yet

King, a laconic East Ender, is too blunt and independent a character to gush over music that does not particularly interest him.

He is much more interested in discussing the Count Basie Orchestra, who open at the club tonight for their first Soho residency in 22 years. Then there is the Mingus Big Band to look forward to in June, not to mention, at the end of this month, the young Canadian singer-pianist Diana Krall, the honest new

What this all adds up to is that, just over a year after Ronnie Scott's death, the club that bears his name is beginning to buzz again. Although regulars may not have voiced their feelings before, there was an undeniable sense of stagnation about the programming in the last few years.

Scott's self-deprecating masterof-ceremonies banter had never changed ("We'd like you to eat, drink and enjoy yourselves. Pretend you're on the Titanic") But it

hundredth hearing. The music, on the other hand, was losing its freshness. The same acts seemed to be coming round month after month, and you could almost set your watch by the Forthcoming Attractions handbill displayed by

Some of the familiar names are still there - the virtuoso Cuban big band Irakere will be back in May. for instance — but the recent appearance of the charismatic

saxophonist Manu Dibango was another sign that the club had redis-6 I never covered its sense of had any

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If Scott was the wise cracking frontman and tenor player, then King. the saxophonist he first befriended in the dance band era half a century ago, was the man who took care of business. And King - who long ago gave up the saxophone to concentrate on

that he had to some extent slipped on to automatic pilot. When you've been in financial difficulties, as we've been in the past," he says, "you find a nucleus of people that you can depend on, so that you won't have to keep looking over your shoulder to make

management — is the first to admit

sure the audience is there. And, frankly. I'd rather played them to "I was completely wiped out by Ronnie's death. But although a lot of people said 'Oh, what's going to happen to the club? I never had any doubt that we would carry on. The thing was, even though I'd had

really felt I had to prove myself." King and Scott opened their first establishment in nearby Gerrard Street in 1959, hoping to establish a modest base for local players. That the club - which moved to its more spacious Frith Street premises in 1965 — is still doing business at all is something of a miracle.

the main say in running the place, I



Now booking: proprietor Pete King, outside the Frith Street club, agrees that in the past few years Ronnie Scott's has relied on the same old crowd-pleasers - but no more

Although the Musicians' Union has been a regular financial supporter, the venture has survived without state subsidies. King still smiles at the memory of the occasion, 30-odd years ago, when he and Scott paid a visit to the Arts Council's offices, seeking help for the move to Frith Street. When a busy apparatchik finally breezed into the room and opened the meeting with: "Now then, about this Bonny Scott's Club..." Scott

Unpretentiousness and lack of deference has become part of the venue's ethos. Complaints about rudeness at the door have certainly

and King took their cue to depart.

been justified at times. But at least there is no fawning over VIPs. The notoriously stiff-necked Wynton Marsalis was once numed away because he had failed to complete an engagement with the Jazz Messengers the previous year. When the extravagant soul singer Isaac Hayes turned up at the door wearing a huge fur hat. Scott quipped: "When that has puppies, can I have one?" Hayes failed to see the joke and turned on his heels.

Being based in the West End, with all its attendant overheads. may have restricted King's room for manoeuvre on the booking front. The noisy business parties remain a nuisance, and you are unlikely to see the latest allegedly cutting edge hand from, say. New York's Knitting Factory. The support acts - mainly young newcomers - can lack personality too.

ing, who knew so many outrageous characters in the old days, concedes that there is a definite lack of eccentrics. "The young guys take their saxophones out and play all over the place, but they don't leave any spaces in the music. There isn't the sitting in with other bands that we used to experience. Guys want to play their own material, too, and a lot of it is pure

Still, it is hard to think of a live venue with as much amblence or as good a sound system. And with the notable exception of the newly renovated Pizza Express Jazz Club, none of its rivals has mounted much of a challenge. The muchvaunted Jazz Café in Camden Town still looks like a high-tech gents' urinal and — under the Mean. Fiddler's management — has fur-ther reduced its jazz programming. Another contender, the Rhythmic started promisingly but went bust.

So King soldiers on, a year away from his 70th birthday and ten

years after a major heart attack. He leads a quiet life in Elstree, with Radios 3 and 4 filling much of his free time.

He has Tuesdays and Thursdays off, otherwise he is set his station by mid-morning, not leaving until about 1.30am. Janny Walker, high-living Mayor of New York in the Roaring Twenties, once re-marked that no civilised man goes to bed on the same day that he wakes up. Pete King is doing his bit for civilisation...

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HANDEL'S ORGAN Reviewed by Jonathan

HANDEL wrote and performed organ concertos as an oddment to attract audiences to his new-fangled oratorios of the mid-1730s. Until well into his blindness, where his playing depended on "his memory uncommonly retentive", Han-del continued to furnish these theatrical proceedings with virtuoso keyboard interludes. Twelve of the 16 surviving works appeared in contemporary published sets as Opus 4 and the posthumous Opus 7.

Approaches to recorded per-

formances range from the essentially gothic dimensions of Karl Richter in the 1950s to "period" performances which capture the intimacy of a chamber organ conversing pluckily with a small band of

Of the older readings, Lionel Rogg (on EMI, from 1974) and George Malcolm (Decca, 1972) both have something distinctive to say. Rogg, the better organist, ravishes with his acute feeling for rhythmic nuance, yet is badly let down by a poor orchestra. Malcolm has robust orchestral backing from the Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields and plays with extraordinary vitality, even if the Op 7 concertos fail to live up to the earlier

Ultimately, it is the new generation of Bob Van

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Asperen, Ton Koopman and Paul Nicholson who most successfully blend refined 18th-century conceits with the appropriate improvisatory spirit needed to flesh out Handel's skeletal instructions. Van Asperen (on Virgin, 1996) is a fine keyboardist but breaks up the natural line and overgilds the lily with fussy. self-conscious decoration. Nicholson's recent recording from Hyperion is honest and true, if not exactly charismatic, and it radiates a disarming warmth and naturalness. Simon Preston's ubiquitous version (Archiv, 1982-83) is distinguished by the spirited and ruddy-faced English Concert, though the organ is often sour-sounding and Preston rarely lets the moment catch

Ton Koopman's reading from 1986 (Erato 4509-91932-2, £14.49) provides a practically ideal fusion of mesmeric energy, alert exchanges between organ and orchestra and a truly Handelian sense of immediacy. realised in welljudged tempi and spontaneous improvisation. The organ is sweet-toned and never obtrusive, despite a noticeable mechanical hum emanating from the dia-phragm of the beast.

The Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra can seem lightweight at times but the softgrained texture is an ideal foil to the quixotic and uplifting Koopman.

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Cuba comes to town

he cheekiest cabaret in the world is coming to London, bringing with it echoes from a more glamor-ous age. If you lived large in the Fifties you hung out under the stars at Club Tropicana, Havana, Cuba. The place, as

they say, was smoking. Capone, Hemingway, Rocky Marciano, Cuban politicos and Yankee Mafiosi pulled up in Plymouths and Pontiacs with exotic licence in mind: roulette-rooms, chorusgirls, daiquiri, mambo and rumba.

The shows were unforgettable. Josephine Baker, Carmen Miranda, Nat King Cole, Rita Mon-taner, Celia Cruz, Marlene Dietrich and Pedro Vargas sang. A big-band orchestra played the popular moves (cha-cha-cha and guaguanco). Good seats were \$100, and virtuosos performed ballet, Chaplinesque comedy, zarzuela, pantomime and acrobatics.

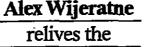
The showgirls were stu-pendous. Modelos (models) and figurantes (dancers) shimmied through the 1,000-seat openair theatre - the "Salon Under the Stars" -- creating a fantasia of ostrich feathers, fishnet stockings, sequinned thongs and rhinestone headwraps. Brenda and Sicardi. a famous pair of movers, were billed as The Most Audacious Dancers in the World". Groups flew in from Miami for overnight specials on the Tropicana plane. Every night was considered the apotheosis of

delirium". Those days may have gone, but Tropicana has survived dictatorship, revolution,

'Andrew Shore's brilliant Duiçamara.

Barry Banks' and Mary Plazes' singing

is pure double cream...The tunes are



golden age of Club Tropicana



Some cheek: a Club Tropicana showgirl struts her stuff

clarmodown, embargo and the 'special economic period". A source of Cuban national pride, today it brings in \$7 million a year in foreign currency. And now a version is touring the world, stopping in London at the Albert Hall.

Tropicana's enduring ap-peal is remarkable. It has closed only once (for two years from 1967) since an Italian showman, Victor de Correa, opened up on New Year's Eve 1939 at a 120-hectare hacienda in Marianao, a suburb west of Havana, set among cypress groves and palm trees. After

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By 1970, however, it was languishing - nationalised, overlooked and devoid of its old charm. Then a new artistic director, Joaquín Condall, pledged to revive the legend. He was deter-

mined to present an epic

show and scoured Ha-

vana for beautiful models. The result was a Roman spectacular, com-plete with gladiators and lions. With a new school of dance and an enhanced reputation, Club Tropicana went on to play in Monte Carlo and New This year's two-hour show will transform the Albert Hall. The dancers come from every direc-

tion," says Harvey Goldsmith, the tour promoter. "They come up through the floor, they come across the stage, they dance through the audi-ence. Bringing them over was the ultimate chal-

"It's raunchy, exonc. with great-looking people," says Santiago Alfonso, the artistic director who has been with Tropicana since 1964. *Cuba has a sexy culture. It's our music, our rhythm, the language, the colour, the qual-

lionso says his troupe of 89 dancers — "A-Company, number-one company dancers" -- are world-class through constant training. "My company works 12 hours a day," he says. "They say negroes are very alive to dance. They say we have a very special sense of rhythm. But everyone can dance. Instead, I choose talent. Black, white, blond or mulato, it doesn't matter.'

Tomorrow the Victorian dome will be host to an environment unlike anything it has seen before. Pull up a pew and spark the Cohibas. irs 1958. You're a goodfelia once again.

Club Tropicana is at the Albert Hall from tomorrow until Sunday (0171-589 8212)

Hooked he impact of Dublin's economic boom on the capital's criminal underworld is at the heart of by the Declan Hughes's pulpish gorefest, Twenty Grand. As new money washes through the city, a little gang of crooks hoodlums gathered around Frank "Sinatra" Hackett

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would-be Hell's Angels, and enough unfinished business to constitute a bloodbath waiting

So far, so pulp. The problem is that good pulp should have neat, surprising, but coherent plotting. Hughes has attempted to incorporate an element of satire, but misses some of the sprightliness that makes the genre interesting. Rather than a smartly choreographed narrative, Twenty Grand has a rather stumpy plot that tends to lurch rather than glide. But if the play has shortcom-

ings in terms of story, these are more than compensated for elsewhere. With the unfor-

tunate exception of the sole daughter, Karen (Allege Crowley), Hughes has carried a gang of hugely enterpairing, lying, thieving double consing cut-throats. Dialogue particularly from Carney single-male supprise dapper single-malt supping overlord, crackles with holmouthed, sharp as a Startiey knife wit. In particular. Hackett's meticulous description of the maining of one of his gang, delivered as though it were just another old pub-anecdote, is monstrously

beguiling.
As Dahon, Brophy is less flashy, as belits a man who thinks faster than he talks, but equally fluid. Shiels's hairy-lipped Dino is dumb in the smartest possible manner. Exerything about the characterisation rings, if not. true, then entirely captivating

in a homicidal way. Hughes's play oozes an only partially disguised fascination with hard-boiled Dublin, and director Conall Morrison's cast seems to share that illegitimate pleasure. It should not be so, but it is impossible not to enjoy a sense of people having fun on stage

LUKE CLANCY

A class act still at school

f she can find the time between selling millions of records and keeping up with her schoolwork, LeAnn Rimes plans to write her autobiography. Since she is only 15, that news may sound alarm bells about another case of a young life derailed by fame. But if ever there was an old head on young shoulders,

(Liam Carney) are determined

Hackett and his protege, Tom-my Dalton (Anthony Brophy).

are determined to turn into

legitimate businessmen, using

the property boom to bury

their cut from various kid-

naps, robberies and drug

deals. The dumb ones, such as

Hackett's son, Dino (Karl

Shiels), or the ageing, balding heavy "Kenzo" Armstrong

(Mick Nolan) look more likely

to get washed away in the

With Hackett going

straight, there is a vacancy at

the top. The next in line might

be his brutal "psychopath of

the week special rosette win-

ner" son, but the boss favours

Dalton, a man plausible

enough to dine merchant

bankers and smart enough to

Promising to ensure that the

transition period will be a

get the better of them.

coming flood:

The smart ones, such as

to scoop up a share.

it is Rimes's. Besides which, if you had gone through the couple of years she has, you might want to jot down the details somewhere. She has sold some II million albums in America, won three Grammys, written a children's book, starred in a TV movie based on her life: and, in 1997, generated \$96.3 million of record sales and concert receipts, second only to

the Rolling Stones. Last week Rimes experienced a rare disappointment when her version of the Diane Warren song How Do I Live



Country Vocal Grammy by Trisha Yearwood's rival recording. By way of consolation. Rimes's rendition is reportedly the best-selling country single ever - and her first substantial UK hit.

In what read like a thankless proposition, she was booked last Thursday to play a concert in Nashville for delegates at the 29th annual Country Radio Seminar, with her Curb Records labelmate. Hal Ketchum. The venue was the venerable and elegant Ryman Auditorium, a stage graced in its time by everyone from Anna Paviova to Mae

Ketchum, with four distinguished albums to his name was pipped to the Best Female : and another soon to arrive.

piece he dedicated to the bride, he married on Valentine's Day, You'll Naver Hurt That Way Again. sepended like a pop hit in waiting, and his sweet, almost Orbison esquetones rang our on the older Past the Point of Rescue and a version of Todd Ramdgren's #

Saw the Light.
The acclaim he received was extended to Rimes - and deservedly so. Scotching any suspicion of teenage hype, site agave a vocal display of intermense power and versatility. Only her tendency to shout al, rather than talk to her audience slightly marred the infpression of a folly rounded and well-balanced entertainer. From an a cappella led Blue Moon of Kennecky through her first hit, Blue, to the cappella led by the cappe and more contemporary Sarrender, no vocal hiding place war ever sonepr

PAUL SEXTON

The Elixir of Love



From one old master to another

Two new shows prove that Anthony Caro is finding fresh inspiration in the past, Richard Cork reports

ven the most rebellious of modern artists turn out, more often than not, to be reoccupied with the masters of the past. Nobody was more fascinated by tradition than Picasso, who flouted it all the time. His late variations on paintings by Delacroix, Manet and Velazquez are only the most conspicuous examples of a lifelong, rivalrous obsession with the artists who excited his keenest admiration.

Anthony Caro shows every sign, as old age approaches, of developing a similar urge.

Over the past decade his involvement with Rembrandt. Manet, Goya, Mantegna and Matisse has taken the form of elaborate, deeply felt homages to particular paintings. Now, in the first sculpture exhibition ever held at the National Gallery, they have been brought together and supplemented by a new series responding to Van Gogh's painting of his own chair. Along with a show of Caro's

other recent work at Annely Juda Fine Art, it provides overwhelming evidence of a sculptor in a marvellous state of ferment. Far from slowing down or rehashing stale formulae, he thrives on reinventing himself. As his 74th birthday approaches, he never stops taking on challenges and extending his range.

How can an abstract sculptor respond to figurative paintings without robbing them of human emotion? This is the central question posed by Caro's National Gallery exhibition and the answer is bound up with realising how supple and organic his formlanguage has become.

In the 1960s, when his work was at its most lean, angular and machine-like, he wisely stayed clear of variations on: the Old Masters. By 1987, though: Caro was ready to make a large Table Piece based on Mantegna's The Triumph of Caesar cycle at Hampton Court. Restricting himself to waxed steel, he produced a cold yet crisply energetic summation of the procession moving through Mantegna's awesome canvases. Trumpets, spears and trophies scythe through the sculpture, giving it a tense combative dynamism. By draining Mantegna's ceremonial parade of its sensuous colour, though, Care emphasises mournfulness rather than

Between 1944 and 1946, Caro served in the Fleet Air Arm of the Royal Navy. On the evidence of this exhibition it left him with an abiding abhorrence of war. There is nothing victorious about his meditation on Caesar's conquests. Instead, the threat of mortality hangs over the entire sculpture, with its gaunt emphasis on fragmentation. Succeeding works captirm that Caro has transformed himself in the 1990s into a tragic artist. His new-found determination to confront death be-

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rooks

comes overt in a tall brass and bronze work inspired by Rembrand's Descent from the Cross. The girder-like elements in his earlier work are retained, especially in the cross's armature and the tough diagonal heam replac-ing the ladder in Rembrandt's painting. But they are welded to other, more corpored forms

to other, more corporest forms danging from the top of the cross and leaning protectively towards the centre. A remarkably powerful pathos is conveyed, not least by the expanse of white metal falling fowards the base. In Rembrandr's pictures. ture it is a sheet, taut and straining from the weight of Christ's himp, ungainly corpse. In Caro's sculpture the white-ness almost becomes an emanation from the dead man, sliding earthwards and yet transformed by light.

Despite this luminosity, the attendant forms seem powerless to arrest his downward trajectory. They appear hunched and despondent, and the chair standing so imex-

> 6 Caro has transformed himself in the 1990s into a tragic artist 9

pectedly on the side stresses the weariness of figures whose stamina has been undermined by grief. Its presence here may help to explain why, seven years later, Caro settled on Van Gogh's Chair as the focus for his most recent series of homages to a painter from the

Is his Descent from the Cross a religious response to Christ's martyrdom, or a more secular meditation on the transience and final frailty of life? Caro leaves the question open, but the overall mood of both his exhibitions suggests that he has entered into a late period overshadowed by the prospect of the grave. in one sculpture, he has

been affected by outside events. The interffecine conflict in Bosnia, and the harrowing images it spawned on television, provoked him intomaking a large steel sculpture called Act of War. The starting-point this time was Goya's lacerating The Third of May, 1808, at Madrid, where a brutal, impersonal phalanx of soldiers level their rifles at an anguished group dominated by an imploring young man. His white shirt and upraised arms are reminiscent of the crucified Christ, but he is difficult to discern in Caro's sculpture. So are his kneeling companions. The only recognisable forms are the horizontal shafts of the execuarmoured bulks rather than soldiers' bodies.

Act of War looks, in fact, more like the stunned aftermath of a shooting. Shards of rusted metal stand marconed and forlorn on the steel base, or project so far beyond its edge that they arch down-wards in defeat. It is the starkest, most relentless sculpture Caro has yet produced, and its funereal stillness made me wonder if anyone was left alive in the wake of the extermination he seeks to arraign. Never before an openly political artist, he has proved himself capable here of cold, polemical anger.
The more beguiling and

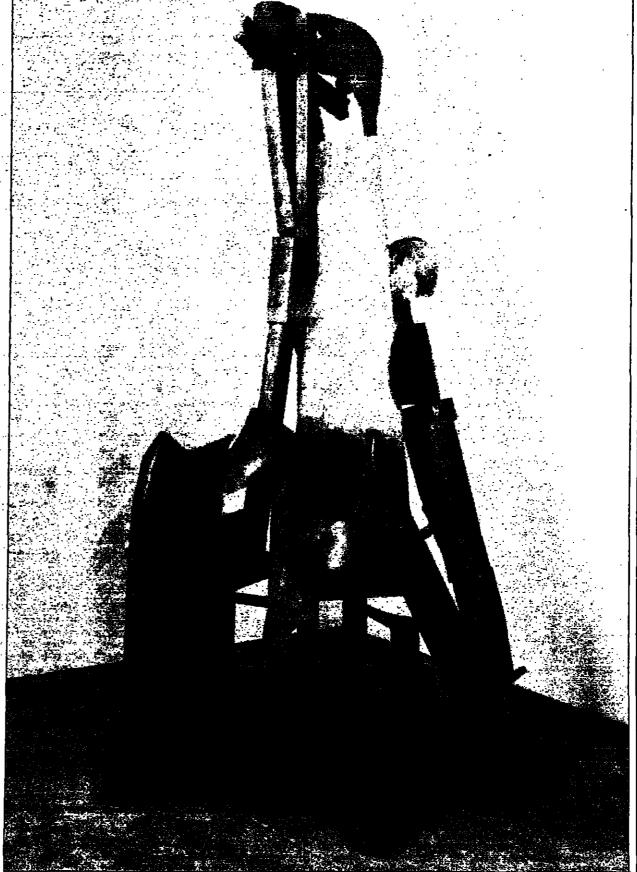
hedonistic side of his work is only represented by Table Piece, "Dark Wood Beach", where his springboard was Matisse's seminal 1907 painting Blue Nude. It is an erotic idyll, rejoicing in the shell-like curves of breasts, hip and buttock as they shelter under the palm fronds erupting so ecstatically above. They seem far more liberated than the foliage in Matisse's painting.

But the most recent works in the National Gallery show, all based on Van Gogh's Chair, return to sobriety and compression. The only painting from the collection displayed. in this survey, it looks far greener and more acidic justaposed with Caro's sculpture. "I looked for a work with a sturdy block at its centre," Caro has explained; and in at least two of his versions a robust stoneware monolith, akin to a detail from Stonehenge, stands firmly within a rusted steel framework. The feeling of containment is strong, even though Caro has introduced a certain instability by echoing the steep tilt of Van Gogh's paved floor.
But in another version,

Chair IV, the stoneware seat has collapsed. As if crushed by an insupportable weight, it sags and compresses the legs beneath into an elephantine famess. The room's walls and door, so upright in Van Gogh's painting, seem about to fall on the abject, pummelled chair they ought to be protecting. It is a claustrophobic sculpture, charged with Caro's awareness of disintegration.

an Gogh himself was, fascinated by Luke Fildes's drawing, illustrated in Graphic magazine, of the chair in Charles Dickens's study left empty by the novelist's death. But whatever he may have intended to symbolise by painting his own yellow chair, vacant except for a pipe and tobacco. Van Gogh left its structure firm. Caro's Chair IV, by contrast, seems battered and broken. It is the work of an artist who, nearly 40 years older than Van Gogh was in 1888, has more first-hand knowledge about the fragility which overtakes us all.

There is nothing terminal about Caro's two exhibitions,



Grave thoughts: Anthony Caro confronts death in Descent from the Cross (After Rembrandt) at the National Gallery

barrelled blast of sculptural vitality, and the proliferation of small "book" pieces ranged on Annely Juda's shelves show him at his most irresistible. Thriving on an interplay between warm, bread-like himps of stoneware and wriggling, thrusting, puncturing steel, they testify to the fertility of his inventiveness. If Caro continues to perform with as much acrobatic zest as he displays here, his late period will be prodigious and full of

Anthony Caro is at Annely Juda (0171-629 7578) until April 18, and at the National Gallery (0171-839 3321) until May 4

eradicate. An artist who finds fullest expression in the print rather than in painting or sculpture is condemned to minor status. Confronted with the ocuvre of John Copley (1875-1950) it is impossible to justify that. Of course Copley painted as well as making etchings and lithographs, and the paintings are good of their kind. But it was only with the print that he felt able to cut loose from conventional moorings and go steaming away into his own private world, his own extraordinary vision.

Early in his career the favoured medium was the lithograph, but in the last decade of his life he turned almost exclusively to the etching, and it is to the etchings that the new show at the Fine Art Society is confined. Very strange the results are: curiously elongated figures, contorted into strange poses more suggestive of Egon Schiele than anything in British art, and weirdly truncated by the edges of the composition. Occasionally there is a touch of satire, as in French Songs of 1946, but works such as Fig-ures in the Wind (1940) or The Apple Tree (1950) are just hauntingly peculiar. Fine Art Society, 148 New Bond Street, WI (0171-629 5116). Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, until March 27

■ THE curse on prints-only continues to afflict even highly contemporary artists - Matthias Mansen, currently on show at Alan Cristea, perhaps less than most. But even he. reasonably well-known abroad, is not really known at all in Britain. As far as the outside world knows, he has never made paintings or sculptures: everything he has shown takes the form of very large coloured wood cuts.

The prints in his cycle Das Haus consist of large, simple shapes, human beings and furniture primarily, loosely arranged on great swaths of white paper, sometimes steering clear of one another, sometimes overlaid. The textures of the wood are visible and give the work its abstract/ representational ambiguity. The prints are monumental rather than domestic, and on that level they remain impressive, not least for their extraordinary technical skill. Alan Cristea Gallery, 31 Cork Street, W1 (0171-439 1866). Mon-Fri 10am-5_30pm, Sat

10am-Ipm, until March 14 JOHN RUSSELL **TAYLOR**

tioners' weapons, which now seem to project from though. They are a double-An empire in miniature

London can enjoy a double helping of dazzling Islamic and Indian

treasures, says Isabel Carlisle

ondon currently has two exhibitions of rarely shown and exceptionally fine Islamic and Indian miniature paintings and Works from the collection of

Prince and Princess Sadruddin Aga Khan are on loan to the British Museum, while Indar Pasricha Fine Arts has been allowed to borrow the A cream of the Mogul paintings from the British Library in memory of the Indian scholar Toby Falk. This is the first time that a private gallery has shown works from a national

There is an overwhelming amount of information alongside the paintings to help Western visitors to get a grip on the scenes shown and their dauntingly complex history of names, dates and dynasties. My advice is to absorb the bare minimum and use the time in the gallery looking at the art, not the labels.

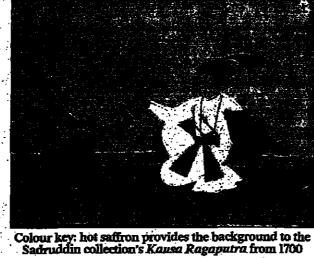
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Sadruddin collection shows that miniature painting was an art form that lasted from the early 14th century in Mongol Iran to the early 20th century in Nathadwara, India. But it was confined to a few centres of production, and the works were made to be seen only by their owners and close companions. The painted

sheets of paper were taken out of their folders and passed around when the story that they illustrated was being told or, more privately, at mo-ments of high passion or religious contemplation. In most cases the artists who worked in the court ateliers from Tabriz to Agra were anonymous, and in any case they painted as a team, combining a wide range of artistic

traditions. The early 15th-century drawing in ink on paper from Iran (in the Sadruddin Collection) that shows a lion growling up at two monkeys perched in a tree is a rich mixture of styles. The ancestors of the artist were Mongols who arrived with Genghis Khan in the 1220s, whose descendants in their turn were influenced by Chinese scroll painting. Byzantine and Armenian book illustration and native Iranian art. Delicately calligraphic, each leaf and ear of grass is drawn in, the tree bark knowed, the lion sleek. while the swirling outlines of the rocks are essentially

The imricate scenes in Indian, Islamic and Onoman paintings (small scale because they had no canvas or oil paint) conceal layers of meaning and reveal their pleasures gradually. They were intended



as a meditative exercise, prompting sensations of places, times of day and states of mind. The significance of the scene lies not so much in the superficial narrative but in what it symbolises. In the Sadruddins' Pahari A Princess smoking a Hookah, the pensive woman pauses on a garden terrace in front of an intense vermilion curtain. Her loneliness embodies the idea of separation of Radha from Krishna in Hindu mythology, but we don't need to know that to feel that this is a moment of intense longing.

direct route into Indian painting, whether it is the hot saffron yellow in the flat background of the Pahari Kausa Ragaputra of 1700 in the Sadruddin Collection, or the cool green and blue distances of the view over the Ganges in the British Library portrait of 1764 from Patna of An Indian Lady named Muttubby.

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that remains the most exquisite and the most profound, the most inviting and the most elusive. A sheet from the British Library in the imperial style of the 17th-century Emperor Shah Jehan shows A Mughal noble out hawking. Dressed in a brown jama he rides alone through a dreamlike landscape of exceptional greenness, as wild ducks fly down to a pond, looking straight ahead with his hawk on his upraised right arm. The artist has clearly been influenced by European landscape painting but the figure is quintessentially Indian, absorbed by an inner world. When the beauty of the paintings is set aside it is that other world, both mysterious and alluring. which continues to fascinate. ◆ The Sadruddin collection is at

the British Museum (0171-636 1555) until April 13. The Mogul Paintings from the British Library are at Indar Pasricha Fine Arts, 22 Connaught Street, London W2 (0171-724 9541) until Saturday



EPITAPH FOR THE WHALES The celebrated Japanese director kazayosh kushdo steges Yoji Sakate s minglung play stourt so whaling biothers feating the anger of the whale-good. With Life Baur and Clive Mendus
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Enyel Opera returns briefly to the Cay for
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Thomas Moser heading the Cast
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AN IDEAL HUSBAND Now in 45 lift on theatre. Peter Hall's exactlent roduction is birmful of deceptions Starring Christopher (Jazenove, Flare O'Mera and Smon Wall Alberty, St Martin's Lane WC2 (0171-369 1730) From Longht, 7 45pm Then Mon-Sat 7 45pm, mats Thur, 3pm and Sat. 4pm

WALLING HOR GODOT The Peter Hall C hours bourses back, reopening with as Old Vic success, now with Alan Come Julian Glover, Terence Rigby and Siman Rodger Piccadility Theatre, Denman S: W1 (0171-369 1734) Previews from tonight, 7 45pm Opens March 10, 7pm Then

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the hazards of contemporary Me. Cast unchanged from the National Theatre

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ALF-LIGHT: Kernight Carman and Alan Howe: Li with Abogal Cruftenden making her National Theatre debut, in Mikhal Bulgakov's rich and salting ape (1928) of lyingriss ficeing from the Hussian Cwil War Howard Davies

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Tricycle Theatre, Kilbum High Road, NW6 (0171-328 1000) Mon-Thur, Spm. Fn, 5 30pm. 8 30pm. Sat, 4pm. 8pm.

A LETTER OF RESIGNATION.

NEW RELEASES

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compiled by Marit Hargie

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM Birmingham Royal Ballet's season here continues with Far From the Madding Crowd, David Berley's period piece based on Thomas Hardy's novel The opening might leads are taken by Lebos Müller and Wolfgang Stollwitzer as Baltisheba and Troy Hispandman, Hurst Storer (1021-62) Hippodrome, Hurst Street (0121-622 7486), Toright-Sat, 7 30pm; mats Thur, 2pm and Sat, 2 30pm (6)



Bernard Haitink leads Der Freischütz, Barbican

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ol the Profumo scandal Christophe to the Provision of the ☐ MACRETH Exceing and infimals production with Paul Shelley's muscular thug in the title role. Sam Walters

Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (0181-940 3633) Mon-Sat, 7 45pm; mass Thur (Mar 5, 12, 19), 2,30pm, Set (from Mar 7), 4pm; Unit OF BLESSED MEMORY: The

LI OF BLESSED MEMORY The problems of heng a Hasdic Jaw in drug-dealing Brooklyn. Might have worked better on TV Kling's Hend, Upper Street, N1 (0171-225 1916) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Sat and Sun, 3 30pm, Until March 22. SABINA: Jung's love allar with one proves something of a puzzler Andy Wilson drects. Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12

Spiro in Daniel Jameson's show bringing together magic, a mechanical ship and Davy Jones's Loder Werehouse, Dingwal Rd, East Croydon (0181-880-4080), Tue. 6 30pm; Wed Sat, 8pm, mat Sun, 8pm. N THINGS WE DO FOR LOVE: Alan Aydibourn directs, Jane Asher in his new comedy about a surprising love and its unsurprising consequences on lovers. Untargettably ingenious set. — Gleiguid, Shattesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065) Opens tonight, 7pm, Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mass Thur and Sat, 3pm

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Querry, West Yorkothre Playhouse. Quarry HR (**113-213 7700) Mon-Sat.

7.30pm, mats Wed (March 11), Thus (March 5, 19), Ses (Morch 14), 2pm (5)

NOTTINGHAM: Fresh from Sunday's performance in the QEH this London Sintentetra performs the second of

most enduring work, the hypnotic hour-long Music for 18 Musicians Conducted

by Marryn Brebbins the programma also features the mammalist composer's Music for Pieces of Wood and Music (at Mallat Instruments and Organ

Manchester is the final stop tomorr

Arts Centre, University of Nottingham (0115-948 3832) Tonight Spm.

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LONDON GALLERIES

SALISBURY Teny Johnson's

IN THE WEIR Return of Conor AT THE WEIR: Return of Conor McPherson's award-winning play, this, time to the main house, in an inshipub of story-tellers a visitor (Julia Ford) silences all rivels with a tele of ght-sis and angels lan Rickson Gracts Reyal Court Dewnstatins (Duke of York's), SI Martin's Lane, WC2 (0)71-565 5000). Mon-Set, 7 30pm; mats. 3 30pm.

LONG RUNNERS ☐ Blood Brothers* Process (0171-369 1733] . ☐ Greese* Cambridge (0171-494-5080) . M An Inspector Calls: Garrick (0171-494-5085) . . . Caller Gamids, (0171-494 5085) ...

Jesus Christ Superster Lyceum (0171-656 1807) ... — Miles Selgon. Dury Lene (0171-494 5400) ...

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CINEMA GUIDE Geoff Brown's ass films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on release across the country

LA MAMAN ET LA PUTAIN (18) A young French man (Jean-Pierre Léaud) agonises between différent women Rewal of Jean Eustache's masterly, intimate epic. With Bernadette Latoni and Francoise Lebrun Renoir (0171-837 8402)

THE UGLY (18): Psychatrist tries to gaurny styles norro men new Zeeland Sooth Reynolds directs Paolo Rotondo and Rebecca Hobbs ABC Piccedilly (0171-437-3561) Clepham Picture House (0171-498 3323) Metre (0171-437-0757) CURRENT

THE BUTCHER BOY (15): Scary account of Patrick McCabe's nove about a budding sociopath in a small Irish Iown Directed by Neil Jordan Claphem Picture House (0171-49) 3323) Curzon Minems (0171-369 1723) Odeon Camden Town (0181-315 Odeon Camden Town (0181-315 4255) Ritzy (0171-372 2121) UCI Whiteleys () (0990 883990) Virgins: Fulbum Road (0171-370 2636) Haymarkott (0171-839 1527) Warner () (0171-437 4343) ◆ THE ICE STORM (15): Connectical lamilies in 1973 have sex on the brain

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TOWARDS THE MILLENNIUM: Birmingham's finest celebrate the Seventies



Hans van Manen's Grosse Fuge: "A fine quartet of male dancers made the 27 minutes continuously watchable"

Inspired by the past

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irmingham Royal music he chose Ballet's Towards the Millennium celebrations have reached the hyperactive 1970s, a decade when dance in Britain was riding a wave of unprecedented public enthusiasm. New ideas and new companies were being born throughout the dance world, and established choreographers, inspired by the radical spirit, were searching for new directions. Yet the three ballets which Birmingham has chosen to represent the 1970s owe

a huge debt to the past. In many ways, Balanchine's Symphony in Three Movements is wholly unrepresentative of its time. By 1972, when it was first performed in America. Balanchine's status as grand master of 20th-century choreography was already confirmed. He was nearing the end of his career, so secure in his style that he had no need of fashion to define it. The

THE MOST fruitful way of dealing with

the major issues of the 1970s was to avoid

them - or so it seems from the first

concert in Sir Simon Rattle's Towards

the Millennium survey of that ugly decade. Toru Takemitsu dreamt of a

world where mathematical perfection

and natural beauty coincided. Witold

Lutoslawski retreated into surrealism.

Even Dmitri Shostakovich, whose music

It is true that the Rattle interpretation

of Shostakovich's 15th Symphony is as

unenigmatic as it can get. His profoundly elegiac treatment of the Adagio, with its

cello solos precariously clinging to the

upper extreme of the instrument's range.

left no doubt that the composer was

contemplating his own imminent death.

Escapism, into cheerful banality in the

first movement or into a hope of youthful

renewal in the last, inspired no sympa-

thy. The work is surely not as bleak as

that, but even if it is an authentic reading

the focus is still inwards rather than

outwards to the Soviet reality reviewed in

earlier symphonies.

reality, now took refuge in enigma.

for so long confronted political

written during the Second World War and drawing on the "continual torments" of that tumultuous decade. But in looking back, Balanchine found a contemporary resonance in Stravinsky's volatile writing.

was Stravin-

sky s 1946 sym-

phony, a work

The enormous ensemble in Symphony in Three Movements - 32 dancers in all exhibit a blood-stirring temper, and the flair and bravery the choreography are matched by a ruthlessly focused demeanour. The BRB corps, however, danced the ballet like chubby-cheeked boys and girls, not the sleek. men and women of Balanchine's imagining. Monica Zamora and Kevin O'Hare did well in their central pas de deux, but whoever told the

company to glare at the audience 10-1-10-12 PM short-sighted robots did them a disservice. Hans van Manen's chosen

like

score goes back even further, to Beethoven's Grosse Fuge, played here by the Royal Ballet Sinfonia conducted by Philip Ellis Van Manen's ballet of the same name, conceived for Nether-

lands Dance Theatre in 1971, is well-crafted but oddly uptight... Beethoven's concert music is notoriously difficult to choreograph and van Manen cannot avoid being trapped in a kind of movement congestion. Some of Grosse Fuge is quite beautiful, and some quite unusual, but it is never quite beautiful or unusual enough And the brooding choreography falls prey to van Manen's essential piety; even eroticism

designs, though, by Jean-Paul Vroom, are wonderfully refreshing, and a fine quartet of male dancers — Wolfgang Stollwitzer, Andrew Murphy. Joseph Cipólia and O'Hare again - made the 27 minutes of Grosse Fuge continuously watchable.

Kenneth MacMillan's Elite Syncopations offers a toetapping antidote to van Manen's mighty earnestness. The music is ragtime - tunes courtesy of Scott Joplin and others - and the locale is music-hall. Would-be musclemen and flirtatious vamps, dressed in Ian Spurling's brazenly playful costumes, wiggle their pert bottoms for our amusement. The choreography is stylish and witty, the slapstick always gets a laugh. but some of the cast at last Saturday's matinee looked a little droopy.

DEBRA CRAINE

The great escapists

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Something of the same uncompromising clarity of thinking informed the interpretation of Takemitsu's A Flock Descends into the Pentagonal Garden. Apparently vague in texture and elusive in construction in other performances, it emerged on this occasion with firm lines and with a sense of purpose rarely encountered in Takemitsu's orchestral music. If it lost a little Impressionist poetry in the process of rationalisation. the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra was resourceful in finding an

abundance of colour nuances at the quieter end of the dynamic spectrum. There is no need to impose clarity on a

Lutoslawski score. It is always there as a fundamental virtue and no less in Les espaces du sommeil — in spite of the ultimate obscurity of the Robert Denos text that inspired it - than anywhere else. The French words, elegantly sung here by François le Roux, are set with inflections and the orchestral reflections of their imagery are drawn with exquisite precision. As if that were not escapism enough, as

an encore in another medium, le Roux was accompanied by Rattle at the piano in a song, not from the eighth decade of the century, but from the first. Ravel's Le Martin-pécheur is too brief and too delicately poised to have any tolerance of uncertainty in pitch but, after the initial confusion, it was a most welcome addition to a programme so short that it could actually have accommodated the whole of the Histoires naturelles.

GERALD LARNER

Learning * hard way

The great singer turned director. Brigitte Fassbaender, described it as a baptism of fire a young ensemble daring to pit itself against a particularly tricky opera written by the 17-yearold Mozart. Such is the hubris of Opera for Europe, the new young company of the European Opera Centre, which chose Lucio Silla for its opening season and first nationwide tour.

The centre was established to provide advanced operatic training for singers at the start of their careers. Funded by the European Union, it works in partnership with the Royal Opera and companies and conservatories, throughout Europe. Lucio Silla trained two casts and the one I saw offered admirable ensemble work rather than an evening of potential star-spotting.

Mozart's early opera seria is still more of a showcase for voices than a school for character: and it does seem a little perverse to inflict it on young singers who are bound to be pushed to their limits to cope with the virtuoso musical re-



creation of violently opposing moods and emotions, without being given much opportunity for true characterisation or anything other than contrived stagecraft. But, clearly, challenge was all

The young Turk Bulent Bezduz certainly gets his lithe tenor around the title role, even if it is as yet less than powerfully projected. As the object of his love. Giunia, Hege Gustava Tjour's burnished soprano is a delight to hear, when not overtaxed.

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The Romanian mezzo-soprano Claudia Codreanu, as Giunio's beloved Cecilio, is one of the few singers whose voice can really embrace the conflicting emotions of fear, anger, distress and hope which are so powerfully written into the score. Norwegian soprano Adele Eikenes is another: she is uniquely at ease in her part as the feisty and radiant Cinna, complete with blade, bow and arrows.

Fassbaender's production seeks to marry modern-dress realism with a stylised theatricality apt for the conventions of opera seria. For the most part it works, with the ecraft economical and relaxed enough to provide few distractions for the young singers. I was not too sure about the urn-heads in the tomb, nor the chorus of tottering war veterans. But the occupational therapy - shoeshining, shaving, handicrafting - offered during the longueurs of the longer arias is witty engueh Fabrizio Ventura, making

his UK debut, conducts a band of 25 with more vigour than discrimination.

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Till adultery us do part

Your spouse promises not to cheat on you, but perhaps you should get that in writing. Chris Barton reports

Hoon, Parliamentary Secretary at the Lord Chancellor's Department, has announced that there are "significant advantages to legally binding pre-marital contracts. His comments come at a time when adultery, particularly concerning political leaders in Britain and America, is very much in the public arena.

At the same time, the Family Law Act 1996 is poised to excise adultery, or "criminal" conversation, as a ground for divorce. A combination of such reforms could well popularise American-style pre-nuptial contracts such as the one in which a couple agreed "to tell each other when we have sex with other people*

Having sexual intercourse with someone other than one's spouse has not always been a ground for divorce. Before 1923 a wife also had to show that her husband's away days were incestuous, or at least bigamous. Since the liberal Sixties the law has required cuckolds of either gender only to say that they find it "intolerable" to live with their straying spouses. Yet under the system to be introduced next year of divorce by timetable, adultery will not be enough to break the

A recent survey confirmed that sexual duplicity is the main cause of divorce, and the change in law is unlikely to change that fact; nor is it likely to reduce the incidence of divorce. But will adultery's legal disuse further compound those definitional misunderstandings which have so enlivened preliminary "matriinterviews in solicitors' offices? These have reportedly included confusion as to the necessary dramatis personae ("only women over 50"); the hour ("I didn't think it was adultery during the daytime"); the position ("standing up doesn't count), the frequency

week gave another boost to pre-nupital contracts. Geoffrey Parliamentary Secretat the Lord Chancellor's artment, has announced there are "significant additional contracts of the contracts of the contracts of the contract o spite knowing its legal definition — penetration, definition — penetration, however slight — do not realise that they cannot rely on their own adultery to allow

them to remary — and per-haps to be unfaithful again. Although adultery is to be made redundant as a ground for divorce (along with "unreasonable behaviour", desertion, two years' separation with consent and five years with-out), it remains a factor when the court considers ancillary fi-Husbands whose adultery

with "the woman named" is deemed to be more than usually morally malodorous may find themselves paying more, and some wives who have dallied with "co-respondents" may receive less. This is because the Family Law Act 1996 has left broadly untouched the annual chal-lenge to Law School examiners to produce tales of behaviour so appalling that the court will consider it "inequitable to disregard" them. (Male) judicial priorities may be demonstrated by contrasting the wife who had her share cut by a quarter for firing a shotgun at her husband, with the woman who was decried as "impudent" for trying to hang on to a half share in the marital home which she had obtained while

in the throes of an affair. Not only is ancillary finan-cial relief subject to such uncertainties as the weight to be attached to past conduct, it lacks even an abstract object tive, let alone a formula. Mr Hoon's cautious encouragement of pre-marital contracts was Turther extended to an automatic equal division of property (on divorce) in the absence of such a contract.

In 1991 the Law Society's



A marriage is over: would the couple like to have considered a pre-nuptial agreement?

contracts, disingenuously suggesting not only that the par-ties be required to take separate advice at the outset, but that automatic reviews be triggered by childbirth or the onset of either permanent disability or a long period of

iven that divorce awaits a degree of delegalisation under the Family Law Act 1996, and only 300,000 people experience it annually, lawyers may be forgiven for eyeing the 600,000 or so who (we did it only wice), the Family Law Committee was still marry each year — particount outcome (she's not pregnant) enthusiastic about pre-nuptial ularly as some of them could come untenable.

surely be counted on (with the right encouragement) to re-nege on their pre-marital ar-The Government may be

over-optimistic, anyway, in seeing such forward-planning contracts as a panacea for the travails, and the cost to legal aid, of contentious divorce settlements. They may be of value in the case of a short, child-free marriage when each party has an carning capacity, but the need to house and support children (and their mother) post-divorce is one of many circumstances in which such deals would

model has the happy couple agreeing to spend at least one evening a week together putting time and energy into realising sexual potential. An evening begins at 7pm."

No pre-marital agreement

however legally watertight, could guarantee fidelity; non-

compliance could, at least,

trigger agreed penalty clauses in the financial settle-

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New definitions to root out corruption

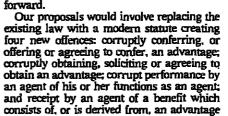
recent convention of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), bribery is described as "a widespread phenomenon ... which raises serious moral and political concerns, undermines good governance and economic development, and distorts international competitive

conditions". The growing international resolve to combat corruption - demonstrated by initiatives undertaken by, for example, the Council of Europe, the European Union and the OECD is mirrored in efforts being made at home. The Committee on Standards in Public Life has pullished a number of reports, and in June 1997 the Home Office published a consultation paper on reform of the law of

The Law Commission is contributing, too, by today publishing a report and Bill in which

we make proposals for the reform and modernisation of offences contained in the Prevention of Corruption Acts 1889 to 1916, and the common law offence of

The report follows a consultation paper published last year which in turn follows a recommendation. in 1976, by the Royal Commission on Standards of Conduct in Public Life that the statute law on bribery be rationalised. In 1995, the Commissee on Standards in Public Life suggested in its first report that as the Government had accepted, but not implemented, that recommendation, it might be a task which the Law Commission could



STEPHEN SILBER, QC

been corruptly obtained. We recommend that the new offences should have broad effect, with the concept of "agent" being defined in terms of anyone who has agreed to perform functions, whether for another person or for the public (or both). Although one of the uncertainties of the present law lies in its application to Members of Parliament, the report does not deal with this issue. It is a matter which is under consideration by the Home Office

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I orruption is a national and interna- Joint Committee on Parliamentary Privilege, tional problem. In the preamble of a so we decided it would be a wasteful so we decided it would be a wasteful duplication of effort for the Law Commission to examine it as well.

Although the word "corruptly" is used in the existing legislation, it is not defined and the case law on its meaning is confused. In the interests of clarifying the law, "corruptly" should be defined.

We started with the view that an advantage is conferred corruptly if it is intended to influence an agent. We realised, however, that a definition in these terms was too broad because it would catch, for example all corporate hospitality. We want to distinguish in our report between acceptable and unacceptable corporate entertaining by looking the intentions and expectations of those providing the hospitality. We recommend that a person who confers an advantage should be regarded as doing so corruptly if he or she intends that an agent should do (or omit to do)

something and believes that, if the agent so acts, it would probably be primarily in return for the advantage rather than for some legitimate reason.

As well as clarifying the law, we believe that our recommendations would strengthen it. For example, under the present law, an agent commits an offence by accepting a bribe or a corrupt reward but not by acting in return for the bribe or attempting to earn a reward. This seemed to us illogical, and under our recommended new offence of performing functions cor-ruptly it would be sufficient to prove that the agent's conduct was motivated by the hope of a corrupt reward, whether or not there

was any agreement to that effect. We also believe that our recommendations would modernise the law. The present law draws a distinction between public sector and private sector corruption. We have reconsidered this distinction in the light of, for example, the changing economic environment - in particular the privatisation of "public functions". We conclude that no distinction should be drawn between corruption in the two sectors.

The corrosive effect of corruption is undisputed. Our recommendations, if implemented, would play a significant part in countering that effect by punishing those guilty of corrupt behaviour and by sending a clear signal that corruption will not be tolerated.

● The author is a Law Commissioner. Legislating the Criminal Code: Corruption (1998), Law Commission No 248, HC 254, is available from The Stationery Office, £16.35, and on the Internet at:

Barbs of the Bar

ANTHONY JULIUS has a sideswipe at the cab-rank rule in his review in a Sunday newspaper last weekend of The Justice Game by Geoffrey Robertson.

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Mr Julius, best known as lawyer to Diana, Princess of Wales, refers to Mr Robinson's luck in being on the side of the angels so many times in the cases he has landed.

The rule, which in theory obliges barristers to take cases as they come along, could. Mr Julius says, be scrapped without damage to the Bar's inde-

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Overall, Mr Julius acknowledges the book's "energy and charm", though it may be "coloured by a certain smugness". Old allies

THE membership of the new Civil Justice Council (CJC). just been announced by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, is jam-packed with the usual civil justice

It is, of course, chaired by the greatest civil justice guru of them all, Lord Woolf, the Master of the Rolls, whose pendence or clients' interests. : idea it was to set up the coun-

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and individuals. Self-nomination is not permitted.

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cil. The CJC is charged with "promoting the needs of civil justice" and keeping the system under review.

He will certainly feel at him are Henry Hodge, the deputy vice-chairman of the Legal Aid Board, and Hilary Heilbron, QC. They are all reunited after teaming up in the early 1990s to write a. report on civil justice.

Then there is the Law Society's Michael Napier, the senior partner of Irwin Mich-ell; Marlene Winfield, the

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officer at the National Consumer Council; Vicki Chapman, the Legal Action Group's head of policy; and Ashley Holmes, the Consumers' Association's legal affairs head.

Wind-up

AN ad last Thursday announced the winding-up of one "Evershed Ltd". By 10am, the law firm Eversheds — not Evershed — had been forced to send an internal e-mail to lawyers and staff saying it was not the law firm. All offices of the firm had been beset by insolvency practitioners ringing up to offer help, including one optimist who told the switchboard to put him through to "Mr Evershed".

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Pro and con JOSEPHINE HAYES, who

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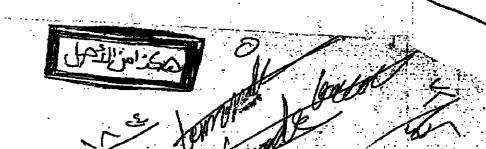
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The Moroccan port of Tangier, where Steve Bryant was arrested and, inset, his father, Peter, reading a letter from the truck driver, who has been in jail for four years

A foreign affair scandal

oday is a melancholy anniversa-ry for Steve Bryant. The middle-aged trucker from London was arrested on March 3, 1994, in the Moroccan port of Tangier when cannabis was found in his load of frozen squid. He is now serving 12 years without remission in Sale Prison in Rabat, the capital. He is the second longest-serving British prisoner in Morocco and his case typifies what has happened to several lorry drivers convicted of being responsible for drugs

found in their loads. Paul Smith, 34, from North Yorkshire, was taken as a guest on a sailing holiday from Spain in October 1996. The boat ran aground on the Moroccan shore and, on being arrested. Paul was shocked to find that the owner had sealed cannabis in the hull long before the invitation to go sailing was made. The owner asserted his passenger's innocence but, like Bryant, Smith still received the maximum sen-

In another Moroccan case of guilt by association, a 20-year-old Birmingham man was offered a local lift in a car, which was stopped at a roadblock, and when the owner-driver was arrested after drugs were found concealed in the panels, the passenger was also arrested and received the same sentence as the driver.

Britons are still being convicted and imprisoned abroad on dubious evidence. Stephen Jakobi

describes some of the worst cases

Britons are by no means the only victims. Fair Trials Abroad (FTA) is also aware of a dozen other apparently serious and unaddressed miscarriage-of-justice cases in Morocco involving Spanish, Dutch, French and Portuguese citizens, more than half of them truckers. The cases of concern illustrate a growing international scandal. From the point of view of Europeans, the country represents the biggest miscarriage of justice problem in the world. Some statistics compiled by EU consular services last year disclosed that Morocco was holding the largest number of European prisoners outside Europe — nearly 500 out of a total of 3,000. The only country with a comparable number of European prisoners was America. Thailand, Turkey and Colombia and other drug-producing countries with immature justice systems have far fewer European prisoners, and we at FTA are aware of only a handful of possible mis-

carriages of justice. In a 1996 report, FTA revealed that the

Moroccan justice system acted as a punishment system for Europeans accused of drug offences. The laws on drugs make it an absolute offence to be in possession of drugs and, in practice, to be in the company of those with drugs. Other failings of the system - such as the use of torture to obtain confessions, lack of adequate interpretation facilities during interrogation and trial, and poor standards of legal representation - lead to the

inevitability of the innocent being convict-

ed along with the guilty.

vidence of scapegoating is also increasing at FIA we know of three incidents involving the arrest of a mixed group of natives and Europeans where the local appeal system has resulted in the acquittal of the locals and conviction of the Europeans. Experience leads us to predict that at least 5 per cent of those charged and brought to trial in mature justice systems will be acquitted. So we have reason to believe that there are at least 25 arguably innocent Europeans in Moroccan jails.

There are encouraging signs that the Moroccans themselves are unhappy with their justice system. A new reform Government is taking office after recent democratic constitutional change. The new Minister of Justice, Omar Azziman, has announced that radical reform of the judicial system is to be a government pri-ority. Unfortunately, future plans are of little help to those who have suffered from past shortcomings, Steve Bryant is taking his case to Mary Robinson, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, but clearly the only realistic hope of any form of freedom for most of the victims of injustice is a speedy pardon because the system has failed them.

This is a European problem, not just a British one, so FTA has approached the Foreign Office Minister, Baroness Symons of Vernham Deane, who is at present presiding over the European Union's Council of Consular Ministers. The hope is that a collective approach to the Moroccan authorities may result in a comprehensive review of past cases, followed by the granting of a number of pardons.

There is no tidy solution to justice problems of this magnitude. • The author is director of Fair Trials Abroad. Edward Fennell meets advertisers' advisers

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EAR, MR. PROSSY ...

be an advertising lawyer. You need to dot the Is, cross the Ts and don't forget the Es. It was, of course, the last that got Suny into trouble last week for its Cool Boarders 2 ad, in which the ambiguous references to drug culture were deemed likely to incur the wrath of the Advertising

Standards Authority (ASA). As William King, an advertising specialist at Macfarlanes, points out, the industry is constantly pushing the boundaries to produce eye-catching images and copy, and it is the job of the lawy. s to advise on where that creative urge may clash with the largely selfregulatory codes that govern the industry.

Macfarlanes was

the first firm to realise. in the 1970s, that you had to advise on the codes as well as the law, and that has remained the case ever since," says Mr King. One problem with advertising in a pluralist society, however, is judging where the threshold of public decency is crossed. The Independent Televison Commission, for example, was not happy with the recent low-

calorie Lucozade advertisement featuring the so-called "Fat Slags". It transpired that it was the words, not the characters, that it did not like. Once the two overweight, underdressed women were renamed "Sandra" and "Tracey", public taste and decency were re-established. But it may be too much to expect lawyers to be able to second-guess such fine discrimination.

The question for clients, then, is whether it is worth referring an ad to a lawyer in the first place. As Rafi Azim-Kahn of Theodore Goddard notes: "Inhouse lawyers are not dealing with these issues every day, and therefore may not be so finely tuned as to what the codes require. Also, they may be under pressure internally to give an ad the green light. That's why it may be best to go to an external adviser, who can be more objective."

Some cynics argue that advertisers will do anything for publicity, and that the public scandal generated by an ad that has to be withdrawn is actually good for business. "If the ad is designed

Tou need to be pretty streetwise to to have only a short life - maybe even just a single day — they may decide it's worth the risk if it succeeds in getting the message across," says Ian Yonge of Manches & Co.

In matters of taste, the number of complaints often impresses the ASA but when it is a question of fact, it may be more clear-cut. When the Radio Times boasted that it was "the best allchannel magazine", it did not take many objections over its lack of listings for all satellite and cable channels to persuade the ASA to ask the publishers to drop the claim.

One of the biggest challenges the ASA faces is the Internet. Mr Azim-Kahn, who helped to advise the ASA, says: "Some people feel that the

Internet is the Wild West of the advertising world. The ASA, however, would not agree with that."

Mr King recommends that responsible advertisers should take great care over how advertisements are framed for the Net. Because advertising regulation varies enormously, it is necessary

to attach "health warnings" so that viewers are clear about the jurisdictions to which the ads apply.

"And then you need a mechanism to back that up," he adds, "so if you receive a response from a country in which the advertisement is illegal, you must refuse the order."

But the really hot issue, as far as Jonathan Radcliffe of Beachcroft Stanley is concerned, is comparative advertising: "For years this has been a taboo area. Now, however, as advertisers become keener to benchmark their products against each other, it is becoming a lively field in which everything from credit cards to gas supplies are being advertised comparatively. In many cases, litigation quickly follows."

Most problems focus on definitions of what constitutes honest statement as opposed to defamation. "There are so many imponderables in the law as it stands that it is difficult sometimes to judge what is acceptable," says Mr

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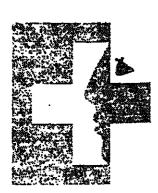
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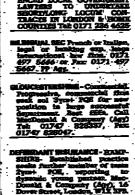
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and would be neither fair not

reasonable and would be in-compatible with the Sixth Council

Directive 77/388/EEC of May 17.

1997 on the harmonisation of the laws of the member states relating

to turnover taxes (OJ 1977 L145).

It must either be a charge on

receipts, contrary to article 2 of the

Sixth Directive which required the

12x to be charged on supplies, or it

must be a further charge on supplies on the full value of which

tax had already been charged. Although the Sixth Directive con-

tained no specific probibition of

double taxation, it did in his

Lordship's opinion have that effect.

Subjecting taxed supplies to further tax could be viewed in two

ways: (a) as having the effect of

charging tax on a sum in excess of

the taxable amount defined by article 11; or (b) as having the effect

of charging tax on the supplies at a rate in excess of that prescribed by

In his Lordship's judgment, the decision to charge VAT on outstanding balances was unlawful because it was without statu-

tory authority and ultra vires and

it was contrary to article II or

Lord Justice Ward and Lord

Solicitors: Cuff Roberts, Liverpool; Solicitor, Customs and

article 12 of the Sixth Directive.

Justice Kennedy agreed.

VAT decision contrary to EC law

Costoms and Excise, Exparte its withdrawal to VAT.

Before Lord Justice Kennedy, Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice

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(Judgment February 17) A decision to charge value added tax on outstanding balances for goods already supplied by a retailer on self-financed credit terms after the trader ceased trading or stopped using the standard method of calculating daily gross takings or after that method was withdrawn was unlawful and contrary to Community law.

The Court of Appeal so stated in a reserved judgment when allowing an appeal by Linlewoods Home Shopping Group Ltd from the dismissal by Mr Justice Tucker on January 13, 1997 of its applica-tion for judicial review of decisions of the Commissioners of Customs

(i) of October 17, 1995 to charge VAT outstanding on goods already supplied where payment in full had not been received when a retailer who supplied goods on self-linanced credit terms ceased to trade or to use the standard method of calculating daily gross takings (SMGT) or when SMGT thdrawn; and

(ii) of November 26, 1996 to withdraw SMGT and to charge

Before Lord Justice Otton, Mr Justice Wright and Mr Justice

Where a judge was sentencing for

an offence which would not have

been committed but for the

involvement of an agent provoca-teur, he should take the element of

cutapment into account, and if the

entrapment was by journalists rather than police officers, even

more consideration and weight

He should also mention the fact

expressly when sentencing so that the public could be assured that

the element of entrapment was.

properly reflected in the sentence.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal

Division, so held in allowing an appeal by Brenda Ann Tonnessen

against a prison sentence of 12.

months imposed in December 1997

at Lewes Crown Court (Judge

Brown) on her plea of guilty to supplying a class A drug, heroin. The sentence was reduced to six

signed by the Registrar of Crim-inal Appeals, for the appellant.

should be given to that factor.

Lividgment February 17]

Littlewoods Home Shopping

Group Ltd

The decisions had been many the light of Commissioners of Customs and Excise v Next [1995] The decisions had been made in STC 651) which the Court of

Appeal had overruled: Mr David Milne, QC and Mr Andrew Hitchmough for the appellant, Mr Kenneth Parker, QC and Mr Aidan Robertson for the

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT SEID that the decisions were concerned with VAT on goods supplied by retailers on self-financed credit terms where payment in full had. not been received. The issue was whether the commissioners' proposals for charging the outstanding balances to tax were lawful.
VAT was charged on the supply

of goods and services in the UK Of goods and services in the time of the hability arcse at the time of supply and was measured by reference to the consideration for the supply whether or not the consideration had been received by

but no allowance was made for the fact that payment to the supplier may not have become contracmally due. Where goods were sold on credit, therefore, payment of the tax was due by the supplier before, and sometimes long before, pay-ment of the consideration for the supply was due to him.

LORD JUSTICE OTTON, giv-

that the appellant, who was a

herom addict, was asked by two

men where they could buy drugs in

astbourne.
She said that drugs were widely

available and the men, who it later transpired were journalists, asked

for them. They gave her \$50 and

she bought four wraps of beroin

for them.
Immediately after the trans-

action an article appeared in the News of the World identifying the

appellant by her name and

The police, who until then were

unaware that this offence had been committed, interviewed her and she readily admitted guilt.

As a result of the article the appellant was identified by the

photograph.

ing the judgment of the court, said problems.

SMGT was the special method

Journalist entrapment element in sentencing

suindrawal to VAT. which the value of the goods was would amount to double taxation

In his Lordship's judgment. there was no stanutory basis for laxing outstanding balances on the withdrawal of SMGT or otherwise All supplies made after the withdrawal of SMGT, or after a retailer ceased to trade or to use SMGT, had to be taxed in the normal way; that is, on the value of the supply, such value being the amount of the consideration whether or not payment was deferred.

No other basis was available for valuing the supply. Nor, after the withdrawal of SMGT, would there be any basis for charging tax by reference to payments received. The only basis for doing so would have been withdrawn. Thereafter, tax would be charge-

able on supplies in the ordinary way. But there would be no

outstanding untaxed supplies. Supplies made before the withwal of SMGT would have been fully charged to tax under SMGT. In his Lordship's judgment, the taxpayer was correct in saying that the quashing of the commis-sioners' decisions would not result in a loss of tax but that on the contrary their proposal to tax outstanding balances would result

His Lordship was satisfied that,

On appeal, however, Miss

Humphreys suggested that the judge had failed to pay sufficient regard to the involvement of the

in double taxation.

by journalists.

Disturbance compensation test

Bacchiocchi v Academic entitled to compensation of £15,030 Agency Ltd Before Lord Justice Simon Brown,

Lord Justice Ward and Mr Justice Judgment February 201

In determining whether a business tenant had occupied the premises for the whole of the five years immediately preceding the date on which he quit the holding within section 38(2) of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954, any period during which he vacated the premises. whether at the beginning, the end or in mid-term, was to be dis regarded so long as there was no other business occupant or a nonbusiness user, if the reason for that period of closure was an incident in the ordinary course or conduct

of Dosiness me.

It followed that a tenant whose 14-year tenancy ended 12 days after he vacated it, having run down and closed his business, had been in occupation for the requisite fiveyear period immediately preceding the date the tenancy ended within section 38(2) and accordingly quali-fied for double compensation for

of business life.

disturbance under section 37.

The Court of Appeal so held, allowing the appeal of the plaintiff tenant, Glauco Bacchiocchi, from the decision of Judge Bursell in the Bristol District Registry that he was not sentited to compensation under section 37 on vacating the business premises owned by the defendant landlords. Academic

defendant landlords, Academic Agency Ltd.
The appellant ran a restaurant in premises under a 20-year lease dated January 14, 1974 to which Part II of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 applied. The respondents became his landlords on July 11, 1990.

On October 4, 1993 the landlords served a section 25 notice to determine the tenancy. In November the tenant served a countermotice and in December applied to Bath County Court for the grant of

a new tenancy.

Having changed his mind, on
April 29, 1994 the tenant applied to
withdraw his application, formally discontinuing his application on May II by notice under Order 18, rule I of the County Court Rules. By operation of section 64 of the Act the tenancy continued until August 11, 1994, although the tenant's solicitors misrakenly advised that the tenancy ended on

restaurant business on July 23, spent six days clearing up then vacated on July 29. The premise stood empty for 12 days until

By clause 4(7) of the lease the parties had contracted out of the obligation to pay the statutory compensation for disturbance, but section 38(2) of the Act applied that clause would be woid By section 37 the tenant would be

under the 1954 Act if, within section 38(2), he had occupied the premises for the whole of the five years immediately preceding the

The tenant's application for a declaration that he was entitled to compensation was refused on the occupation for the last 12 days of

the tenancy. He appealed. Mr Edward Denehan for the tenant; Mr Richard Stead for the

LORD JUSTICE SIMON

BROWN said that a number of cases decided under Part II of the 1954 Act considered what constituted the occupation of business premises, the most authoritative of which was Graysim Holdings Ltd r P & O Property Holdings Ltd (1996) 1 AC 329). In all but one, the question arose

under section 23 of whether the tenant was occupying the pren for husiness purposes and thus entitled to continue the tenancy. Here by definition there was to be no continuation of the tenancy.

The authority closest in point

was Department of the Environ-ment v Royal Insurance plc (1987) I EGLR 83), in which it was held that the fact that the tenants under occupation of the premises one day

within section 37(3)(a). There was no distinction what-

ever between the present case and the DOE case and certainly none in principle. If the DOE case was correctly decided the appeal would

The question was not whether the words of the statute should be construed literally or otherwise but rather what was meant in this specific context by "occupied for the purposes of a business.".

Once it was recognised that premises could be occupied for the nurcoses of a business even when closed for the season, for holidays or repairs, as the section 23 authorities showed, it followed that section 38(2)(a) could be satissied notwithstanding that the tenancy came to an end during a period of closure.

What was it about a mid-term closure that did not destroy the continuity of business occupa That was the critical question and the answer surely was that each of those events was recognisable as an incident in the ordinary course or conduct of business life. By the same token that trading might have ceased mid-term for

repairs, so also it might have to be delayed for the premises to be fitted out in the first place, or might have to end before the term of the

Whenever business premises were empty for a short time his Lordship would be disinclined to hold that the business occupancy had ceased, or not started, for that period provided always that during it there existed no rival for the role of business occupant and that the premises were not being used for some other, non-business

That was how Part II of the 1954 Act should operate in logic and in justice. It was a recognition that the tenant's business interest would not invariably require permanent physical possession throughout the whole term of the

The tenant, having planned through a misunderstanding to vacate the premises in late July. found it commercially sensible to stick to that plan. That was an

incident of normal business life.
The court in the DOE case, like the trial judge, had paid too much attention to the words immediately preceding" and thereby over-looked the correct approach to the concept of continuing occupation as it applied at each end of the term of a business tenancy.

Lord Justice Ward and Mr Justice Moore-Bick delivered concurring judgments. Solicitors: Withy King & Lee,

Bath: McCloy & Co. Bradford on

Expedited appeals procedure

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department and Another, Ex parte Chowdry Before Lord Woolf, Master of the

Rolls, Lord Justice Potter and Lord Justice May

(Judgment February 2) The expedited appeals procedure under section I of the Asylum and Immigration Act 1996, for asylum seekers from countries where it appeared to the Home Secretary persecution, applied to asylum decisions made by the Home Secretary after the Act came into force even if the claims were made

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing the Home Secretary's appeal against the decision of Mr Justice Carnwath in the Queen's Bench Division on December 16. 1997 to quash (i) the Home Sec-retary's refusal on April 18, 1997 of Nargis Chowdry's claim for asyium and certifying her appeal under paragraph 5 of Schedule 2 to the Asylum and Immigration Appeals Act 1993, as substituted by

section 1 of the 1996 Act, and (ii) the dismissal by a special adjudicator on September 11, 1997 of her

for asylum seekers

Mr David Pannick, QC and Ms Lisa Giovannetti for the Home Secretary: Mr Peter Crampin, QC and Ms Bridget McVay for the

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that paragraph 5 of Schedule 2 to the 1993 Act provided for an expedited procedure which cut down the right of appeal for asylum seekers if a special adjudicator agreed with the secretary of state that the claim was without

Section I of the 1996 Act applied those special procedures to a wider range of situations.

Under the new paragraph 5(2), the secretary of state could certify that the country to which the asylum seeker was to be sent was designated as a country in which it appeared to him that there was in general no serious risk of

If that certificate was upheld by the special adjudicator there was

determining that the applicant's claim was not subject to the amendment made by the 1996 Act the judge was influenced by the fact that he thought the language of the 1996 Act was unclear, he considered it would be unfair to apply the 1996 Act retrospectively and he took the view that to apply the Act to a claim which had not been determined at the date when the new Act came into force would be to give that Act a retrospective

In his Lordship's judgment, if the Home Secretary had, in giving a decision, relied on the provisions which were brought into effect by the 1996 Act and his decision was one which was made after the Act had come into operation, there was no reason why, on the proper interpretation of the new paragraph 5, that paragraph should not apply to the decision in any appeal which took place thereafter. Lord Justice Potter and Lord Justice May agreed.

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drug fraternity in Eastbourne and not possible to say that the judge appropriate to reflect the element was assaulted by one of them. She erred in principle. But did he give of entrapment and the unusual also received a threat to her life. full weight to the particular circumstances in which the offence and exceptional circumstances When passing sentence, the judge took into account two minor offences for possession of drugs and also that she had no previous was committed?

where the tempters were investigative journalists. They were not officers of the law whose prime purpose was to detect crime, apprehend criminals and bring them to justice. Here the journalists' purpose

mate for police officers to entrap criminals but that even in those was to discover the nature and extent of the drugs scene in circumstances some minigation of the sentence was possible and that Easthourne and to expose it in their newspaper. Their purpose was perfectly honourable but the public might well have been left with a sense of unease that it was even more consideration and weight should be given to that factor when the entrapment was necessary to go to those lengths for their story, even identifying her by Their Lordships considered that submissions. There was no doubt that the appellant had used her

contacts on the drug scene to supply heroin to strangers. sible and merited an immediate fairness to the journalists, wholly custodial sentence, so that it was unforeseen. However, it was which followed from it.

was committed?

As a result of the journalists blandishments, the appellant was convictions for supplying drugs of led into committing her first criminal offence relating to the supply for pleading guilty and said that he of drugs. If those men had been accepted that she had made police officers that would have

photograph and name and expos-ing her to humiliation and threats to her person. Those were consequences which were most unfortunate and, in

Following R v Mackey and Shaw ((1993) 14 Cr App R (S) 53, 56), the stances of the entrapment should have been mentioned expressly in the sentencing remarks. Accordingly, their Lordships felt justified in reducing the sentence.



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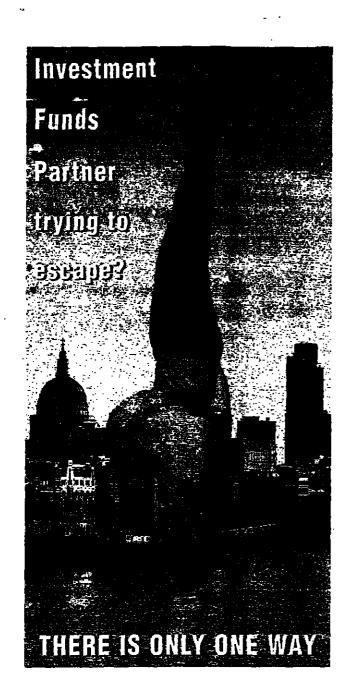
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French Holly aims for crown

By CHRIS MCGRATH

OF ALL the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown. If the same is to be true at Cheltenham a fortnight today, rain may be required but Ferdy Murphy, the trainer of French Holly, yesterday gave the strongest indication yet of connections' enthusiasm to run their colossus in the Smurfit Champion Hurdle While clearly a sterner test than if he were kept to novice company at the Festival, there is no mistaking that they have only one type of soft option in

"If the ground were good or good to soft, the owner [Kieren Flood] would be very keen to go for the Champion," Mur-phy said. "He looked a dour stayer on deadish ground before he ran at Huntingdon, but he showed he could quicken there. If the ground is fast, but safe, then he'd be more likely to go for one of the novice races. We're in the Iap of the gods with the weather, but we'll wait and wait."

> RICHARD EVANS Nap: Philatelic

(2.50 Leicester) Robert Ainer has his string in remife form and Philatelic-ridden by Andrew Thornton, looks handly weighted at James Weighted at innered to continue the Dorset trainers good run.

NB: Thirty Below (4.00 Catterick)

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Murphy took French Holly to Newcastle yesterday to work with three stablemates, two of them likewise fancied for their Festival targets. Paddy's Return, the winner of the Triumph Hurdle two years ago, is favourite for the Bonusprint Stayers' Hurdle, while Ardrina limbers up for one of the handicap hurdles at Doncaster on Saturday.

It will have come as a relief to the racing public to see French Holly pottering around so happily after racing on his latest start, at Huntingdon, he had been walked into the winner's enclosure by an anxious Andrew

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same;" he said. "He is always. going easily when he hits a hurdle. When racing, he's

brilliant - down the back straight at Sandown, for instance. He only hits them when dossing, but he is fine when concentrating. I rode some top-class horses in my time with Paddy Mullins, and they were the same. The bigger the race, the more these horses will be competitive, the more they il fly." Of yesterday's excursion. Murphy added: "It gets pretty mundane doing the same things at Middleham all the

time, so this was just a day out. They did a swinging halfspeed over a mile and six." Certainly, French Holly, should not be underestimated

as a Champion contender; despite William Hill's quote of 20-1. His Tolworth Hurdle is a Rock of Gibraltar in the form book, and, the race having been run at a gruelling pace in testing ground, it confirmed his excellent attitude to racing. Yet he also has a turn of foot, lending him a touch of real charisma.

I'm Supposin, fourth as a novice in last year's Champion, will be ridden by Richard Dunwoody this year. Dun-woody was sufficiently im-pressed by the horse at Wincanton last week to desert Grey Shot, runner-up to French Holly at Sandown.

Adrian Maguire has parted company with his agent. Dave Roberts, and will now be represented by Robert Parsons, who also arranges rides

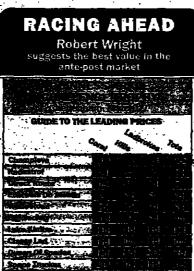
for Dunwoody.

Raleigh Gilbert, a racing broadcaster for 40 years, was found dead at his home on Sunday. Andrew Franklin, the producer of Channel 4 racing, said: "He called many of the great races, and I have nothing but fond memories of a real professional."

Newcastle



Urban Lily and Jay Harris dominate the Barcombe Selling Hurdle at Plumpton yesterday.



offered the final clues to the Guinness Arkle Challenge Trophy at the Chaltenham Festival in two weeks' time. the Cheltenham Festival in two weeks' time.

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RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

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4.50 The Cerrot Man

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1:40 (2m' 11 hole) 1, Tissue Of Lies (G.
Bracley, 5-2; 2, Nemisto (14-1); 3,
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4.15 (3m 1/110)rd ch) 1, Lun-U-Frank (A P McCov, 13-8 ks/t; 2, Bay Lough (100-30); 3, Call Home (3-1); 11 ran 3, cist. M Ppe Tote: 22-50; E1-50, c1-50, c1-80, DF: C5-20. Tete: 23-40, CSF: 67-25, Tretas: £14.10; 4,45 (2m 4/1 hdle) 1, Posh Spice (J R Kaneragh), 10-1); 2, Heart (3-1); 3, Marriyo (8-1) Theme Arena 9-4 (sw. 10 ran. 12, 14). H Henderson, Tote: £27-40; £5-70, £1-20, £2-40, DF: £22-20. Tric: £22-280, CSF: £40-37, Tretast: £243-39. Jackpot: not won (pool of \$5,461.15 carried forward to Catterick today).

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7-4 To-Day To-Day, 3-9 Brigher Harry, 4-1 Count Kalmesia, 8-1 Spoof's bly Game, 10-1 Tala Rodge, 14-1 Archic Atlain, 16-1 Little Waster, 25-1 Others.

3.00 MALTON NOVICES CHASE (52,980: 2m 3f) (10)

3.30 RIPON SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

15-4 Lass Try. 7-2 Fryop Spaniska, 4-1 Batheswingdon, 8-1 Cadebus Promison. Exostanic, Tabathath, 12-1 Royal Crispson, 20-1 Others.

HURDLE (£1,940; 2m) (11 runners)

THUNDERER

2.10 SHAKESPEARE AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (£2,939: 1m 5l) (15 runners)

5-1 Bon Guest, 11-2 Chart Arch, 6-1 Evenio Rallo, 13-2 Harit, 7-1 Dignast, 10-1 Glulo Pallo, Nossy Nation, 12-1 others

2,40 TENNYSON STAKES (£2,792: 51) (9) 1 Se28 RAMSEY HOPE 12 (V.CD.F) C Featurus 5-9-10 C London (3) 1
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2 1320 MYSTICAL 21 (V.C.D.G) Mrs L Sactos 4-9-8 A MicCardy (5) 2
3 -842 FRENDLY SEANE 49 (R.D.D.F) Mrs S Robinson 8-9-8 R Hardons 5
4 38-3 VILLAGE NATINE 38 (R.D.F) Mrs Sociency 8-9-8 A Cant 4
5 -3-66 PALO BLANCO 10 (D.F.B.S.F) Moore 7-9-5 Seaders 7
6 4045 LOGIC PERT LAD 12 J Sandon 5-9-0 A Day (3) 8
7 -113 TANGERING R.YEN 10 (BF.CD) J Burry 3-8-13 P Roberts (3) 3
8 00-0 MacNingHT 1946S 26 (4) D O'Bring 4-8-9 Seathed 9
9 000- LADY RALPSRA 151 J Bridge 3-7-10 Seathed 9
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3.10 COLERIDGE STAKES (£3,355: 1m 2f) (6)

4.00 BARTON HOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (92,472, 3m 1f) (15)

4.30 GRETA BRIDGE HANDICAP CHASE

(£2,765: 2m) (6) 501 2117 THS 5 MY LIFE 67 (D.F.S) Mess K Mibbars 9-11-10 R Guest 602 2127 PRINCE OF SANTS 10 (CD.C.S) M Hommond 7-11-3 R Gamby 603 -451 KLORDMAN CASTLE 14 (D.F.S.) I FECSION 6-16-5 P Carborn 504 -671 JARTAR BEE 35 (CD.C.S) & Boussiet 11-16-0 ... M Member 77 605 74-5 NOTH PRINCE 21 (CD.F.S) N Bours 13-10-0 ... S Taylor 63 605 PSM MODSS PASSANT 28 (6) F Walton 6-10-0 ... 8 Storey 7-4 Kikhurmay Castie, 2-1 Pringe Di Sointe, 5-1 Moss Pageant, 13-2 This is My Life, 10-1 Anthur Bos, 20-1 Month Printe.

5.00 AYSGARTH INTERMEDIATE NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,187: 2m) (13)

FLAT RACE (\$1,187; 2m) (13)

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2 CHASE THE ALE May A Monghann 5-11-4 ... Mr T J Barry (7)

3 MAGHUM M Somerchy 6-11-4 ... Mr H Naughtann (5)

4 D OMBET THE SOLWAY 21 L. Lumps 5-11-4 ... Mr Dowling (5)

5 ETELL ME ANDTHER 124 J Wade 6-11-4 ... E Callegtiann 6

THE MISSTARD MAM W Source 5-11-4 ... R Mechann (7)

8 565- MAZZEL MO 304 A Balley 5-10-13 ... Mr Source (9)

9 C CTY SERV 21 R Wood-base 4-10-10 ... F Leasty (3)

10 2 MOSHMANDROM 45 Mr Estenby 4-10-10 ... F Magging (3)

11 2 PETERSEN HOUSE 44 G M Morer 4-10-10 ... T Mogn (7)

2 D SON OF ARAGON 21 C Thombon 4-10-10 ... Mr Hornocks (5)

3 O ALLEY 3 IF Materiph 4-10-5 ... S Taylor (3)

2-1 Moshmannin 3-1 Polonyen House, 5-1 Easiby Blue, 10-1 Mazzelmo, Deer The Solvey, Sen Cl Aragon, 14-1 The Musikard Main, 16-1 others.

8-11 Severity, 3-1 Secon Might Say, 11-2 Highbury Legend, 10-1 Anderson, 25-Another Viction, 50-1 Coad Mile Faste.

> 3.40 KEATS HANDICAP (£3,501: 1m 2l) (11) 1 38-3 HERR TRISCHER 21 (B.C.D.F.) J. Scarpel 7-18-0 ... J. Gainn 11 2 1124 SEA DANZIG 21 (D.C.D.F.) J. Scarpel 7-18-0 ... J. Gainn 17 3 1-23 CLASSE FRIND 26 (B.F.D.F.) J. Bridger 5-9-13 ... R. Studholme (7) 3 3 1-23 CLASSE FRIND 26 (B.F.D.F.) Jei Hausten 5-9-12 ... M. Fenton 2 4 563. REDINAN 281 (B.F.C.D.F.) Jei Hausten 6-9-12 ... Airne Coni. (5) 10 5 -132 CHANGAS CHORCE 14 (D.C.F.) A. Janes 8-9-11 ... Sweeting (3) 5 6 00.0 POCES SCARD (1) (D.C.F.) In Callegian 4-9-4 R. Hausten 7 2312 RESHARD 12 (C.C.F.) In Callegian 4-9-4 R. Hausten 7 2 312 RESHARD 12 (C.C.F.) In Callegian 4-9-10 Dain Gibson 4 9 -800 COMPRONTER 17 (C.D.F.E.S.) S. Dom 9-8-10 P. Doe 6 10 1333 BILADDE 14 (2D) R. Flyer 5-8-7 5 Sanders 9 11 -033 ZORBA 10 (D.E.S.) J. Hollen 4-9 5 Sanders 9 11 -033 ZORBA 10 (D.E.S.) J. Hollen 4-9 6 Bardwell 1

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4.40 wordsworth stakes (\$2,222: 1m) (8)

THUNDERER 3.50 Ramallah 2.20 Pepitist 2.50 Philatelic 4.20 Shekets

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) 2.20 PICKWELL MOVICES HANDICAP CHASE

(£3.600: 2m 4f 110yd) (16 runners)

Long handicage Chosoura 9-12, Copper Cable 9-10, Milling Brook 9-8, Sands Point 9-4 BETTING: 9-2 Pepties, 5-1 High Mood, 6-1 Ragalino, 7-1 Two For One, 8-1 Elens, Super Repliet, 10-1 offices 1987: RED BRANCH 8-10-0 J Culloty (4-1) J King 13 pm

FORM FOCUS

Pepilist best Tejano Gold 71 in novice handrap chase at Bangor

(2m 11 110vd, gold to soft) Bagainto 93 art to Gratinal la novice
handrap chase at Wancanton (2m 54, good to soft), previously best Raparnal neck in novice
handrap chase at Utioneter (2m 55, soft). Eleans 181 art to Swing Quartel in novice bandrap chase
at Sandrapo (3m 110vd, good to firm). Pepitist may find the ground too fast so BAGALINO is a tertaine selection

2.50 DRAGON HANDICAP CHASE (£3,581: 2m 7l 110yd) (10 iunners) 267/21- SOME DAY SOON 501 (F) (Astate & Purs Left H Bracksterk 13-11-10 - 6 Brackery 10-11-10 - 8 Brackery 10-11-10-10 - 8 Brackery 10-11-

Long handicap, Javelet Cool 8-12 1.160g manuscap. Austein 1600 15712 BETTING: 3-4 Kungs Semoon, 3-1 Philatelus, 5-1 Besseelmäly, 10-1 Some Day Sono, Oocs Dibentum, 12-1 Olbers. 1997: FARNEY SLEW 10-10-8 A Magnine (3-1) 1 J 0 Nobil 8 rec

POCUS
Some Day Soon best Paper Star 201 in handloop chase at Hereford
for 11 110yd, good to firm). Bassenhaby besten a distance 4th of
fit to fied Lighter in handloop chase at Hentingdon (3m, good to
timon 1141 2nd to Dark Oak in handloop chase at Calleriok (3m 11 110yd, good).
3rd of 6 to Sounds Like Fun in nodice chase at Windfoor (2m 51, good to soil). PHILATELIC can frank the form of his Windsor Wird

COURSE SPECIALISTS JOCKEYS 8 37.5 45 22.2 24 14.7 72 12.5 J Calloty M A Fitzgeniti 31,8 30,8 27,3 20,2 N Henderson J king Macs 4 knophi C Basaks SPECIALISTS



CATTERICK: Trainers: R Fahay, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42 9%; C Thornton, 5 from 12, 41.7%; T Easterby, a from 28, 30.8%; K Morgan, 10 from 42, 23.8%; Mrs M Revelly, 21 from 91, 23.1%. Jackeysis, Miss P Robson, 3 witness from 8 nides, 37.5%; P Niven, 27 from 36, 31.4%; T-Eley, 5 from 24, 20.8%; N Horrocks, 5 from 29, 17.2%. 20.8%: N HORDERS, 3 HORT 49, 11 479.

LINGFIELD PAPIC Trainers-C fhornton, 8 winners from 28 numers, 28,6%; J Serry, 25 tren 155, 20,6%; Lind Hundingdon, 40 from 213, 16,8%; N Limoders, 8 from 43, 18,6% Jockeys: R Quest, 3 winners from 8 rides, 50,0%; R Special 3, 7 from 34, 20,6%; P Roberts, 9 from 44, 20,5%; C Lowfler, 12 from 67, 17,9%

Placecard number. Set ligare term (F — tell. P — strength up. U — unstabled noter. B — brought clover. - S — stepped up. R — equated. D — flore last outing. F if the UB — broad to set the last outing. F if the UB — bridgers. V — vasor. H — heavy? Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and distance where shorer. CD — course shapes D — whight. Rater plus any alterance. distance where it is the last outing. The up out of the last outing the last outing

3.20 SYSTON HANDICAP CHASE (£3,431: 2m 4i 110yd) (10 numers) BETTERS: 7-2 Miles Am L 4-1 Wilmow, 5-1 High Leace, 11-2 After The Fee, 6-1 Jason's Boy, 7-1 others

After The Fox heat High Althitude 33(1 in 6-runner bandicap chase at Southwelf (2m 41 110yd, good) with Jeson's Boy (fevels) 93(1 in 6-runner bandicap chase at Fontwelf (2m 21, good) Cewarra Boy 12 3rd of 4 bo Not May Line in handicap chase at Terothwelf (2m 21, good). Who Am 1 28 2nd of 10 to Fullip in movies chase at Lingtield (2m 41 110yd, good). Who Am 1 28 2nd of 10 to Fullip in movies chase at Lingtield (2m 41 110yd, good). Whosew 31 2nd of 16 to Gratomi in novice handicap chase at Herstord (2m 31, good)

JASON'S BOY is really consistent and deserves another win

3.50 RUTLAND WATER NOVICES CHASE (\$4,737: 2m 7f 110yd) (6 nunners) A2-351 RAMALIAN 25 (6.5) Disidence Ereter Parineshop) Mass H Reight 9-11-4 J Collecty
P13-1P5 BARDAROS 55 (F.S.5) (P. Ressell) Miss L. Russell 9-11-12 ... A Thornton
P8/U BUCKMAN 11 (J O'Nextl) J O'Nextl 9-10-72 ... S Cornes
P8/U BUCKMAN 12 (J O'Nextl) J O'Nextl 9-10-72 ... S Cornes
P8/U BUCKMAN 25 (J Bessler) W Jents 7-10-12 ... Siny Lyone
LP51-P4 MANNEN 19 (S) (Mis C Harbury) A Turnell 9-11-12 ... M (Settlins (7)
AU20-8 MAI/RACHAS 10 (S) (R Guldring) Mrs J Phonen 8-10-12 ... D Lesby RETTINE: 4-7 Ramable, 13-2 Banderos, 7-1 Missachins, 8-1 Misraer, 14-1 Buchran, 18-1 Jenaro 1997: MASTER TOBY 7-10-12 C Lleuellya (8-1) N Twiston-Davies 13 jan

Ramaliah best Sedag Quartet 81 in 16-runner novice chase at Towcester (2m 61, pood). Bendaros bester a distance 5th of 6 in 5 Spruso Rhythm in bandicap hendis at Masselburgh (3m, good to pat). Meanver besten a distance 4th to Steel Mass in novice chase at Wincardon (3m 1941, good). RAMALIAH is hard to oppose after his easy victory at Towcester

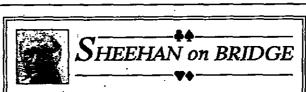
4.20 GREAT GLEN NOVICES CHASE (E3,132: 2m 4f 110yd) (8 numers) RETTING: 10-11 Scrope, 4-1 Towards, 5-1 Statuts, 8-1 Batters, 10-1 Reliander, 25-1 offers 1987: WILD WEST WIND 7-11-8 J Cullary (11-8) Miss H Knight 5 ran

Trouvable beat John Drumm St. in 6-namer novice chase at Windson (2m 5), good to limit) with Rathers (6th better off) beaten a distance 4th Cottage Counsel beaten a distance 4th of 9 to Straight Ox in novice chase at Falsentain (3m 110yd, good to limit). Straight 77 4th of 9 to Mago Deel in movice chase at Newbury (2m 1), good) with Relicander (levels) 521 7th. TROUVAILLE made short work at John Drumm last tone and this looks easier

4.50 DAKHAM HANDICAP CHASE (£3,197; 2m 1f) (7 runners)

BETTINE: 2-1 Dear Do. 7-2 Asiani Investor, 11-2 Play Garres, 6-1 Flaming Mitracle, Lucky Eddle, 10-1 offices. 1687: SCOTTESH BAMBI 9-12-0 J Osbonie (5-1) P R Webber B ton

Dear Do best High Leans 11 in terruticap chase at Footwell (2m 2t pood). The Carrott Men 171 5th to Walter's Deathry in handicap chase in nortice at Linguised (2m 3t 110yd, good). Lucky Exide 28 5th to Tuny First in nortice, handle grade 2 at Newton Abbot (2m 110yd, good to 5oft). Astral (revision 2 self-to Peptides in nortice handlesp chase at Boope (2m 1110yd, good to 5oft). Flaming Mirrorie 3th 6th to Lotsler College in handlesp chase at College (2m 3t 110yd, good to lum). Play Garnes 201 3rd to Passian Effer in nortice handlesp chase at Livinester (2m 11, good to soft). THE CAPACT MAN will be well suited by this return to around two miles



By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

Jonathan Cansino was East on the hand below, played in a late round of the 1974 Gold Cup. He was one of the finest players that this country has produced, and rated the best British player of the late Sixties and early Seventies. He defeated this contract by forcing the declarer to commit himself before he was in full

Dealer South North-South game 4864 **₹532** +J10854 #A3 +J1072 ¥J987 W E ¥1064 +AK96 **S**. **±10965** +Q872 +AK93 TAKO +Q73 **⇔KJ**4

Lead; Two of spade

South opened Two No-Trumps and was raised to Three No-Trumps. Declarer won East's queen of spades with the king at trick one, and advanced the queen of diamonds. Wooden play is for East to duck, "for drill"; but see what would have happened. Declarer continues diamonds and gets the bad news. Now, his only chance for a ninth trick is the club finesse, which succeeds.

Cansino won the first diamond and returned the eight of clubs. Declarer was nervous of putting in the jack, lest West cover and thus remove his entry to the diamonds. So, he played the king of clubs. and continued diamonds. Now, with the diamonds

hreaking adversely, the contract could no longer be made - declarer's third club trick had disappeared.

nation contest.

in yesterday's column West's fifth heart was unfortunately omitted. Her holding should have been 108654. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

MILLOCRAT

a. A mill-owner b. Imperial millet c. A silver stater of Miletus

MALASADE a. Slander

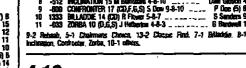
b. A palisade with spikes c. Fried eggs with butter

Scotland are the winner's of this year's Camrose Trophy. the home international series. They started with a 10 VP lead over England, and after two of the final three matches had ensured an overall win. Next season the Republic of Ireland rejoin the event after a gap of 48 years, to make it a five-

MOINEAU a. Natural fizzy water b. A songbird c. A small bastion

LAPPER a. The lapwing b. Topmost course of bricks c. Somebody who laps

Answers on page 50



4.10 SHELLEY HANDICAP (£2,316: 2m) (14)

1 4113 WITHOUT FRIENDS 5 (BF.CD.F.G.) J FRICE-Hores 4-9-10 A Clark 3-1 Zatoba, 7-2 Miles Shye, 9-2 Amico, 5-1 Willhout Friends, 7-1 M Ctu Saga, 10-1 Sweet Supposin, 12-1 Hareai Starra, 14-1 Memdoza



By RAVMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Retreat to win

Linares 1998

In the game today, from the elite tournament in Linares. Spain, Vladimir Kramnik, the world No 2, annihilates a seemingly promising white initiative by means of a rook sacrifice which has, as its ultimate point, a retreating capture by a black bishop. After the sacrifice, Black's centre pawns became too powerful and White capitulated. White: Veselin Topalov Black: Vladimir Kramnik

Queen's gambit declined d5 Be7 h6 0-0 b6 Bb7 Bx66 exd5 c6 85 c5 Re8 Nd7 Rc1 NiB c4 Clob Rect8 Ne6 g6 Ba8 21 Nc3 22 Nd2 23 h5 23 h5 24 NH 007 Ng7 B64 B67

Rde8 Of6

Rce1 Bg4 Bb4 Rd8 Bc8 Bxc3 Rxe5 Bxe5 Bc7 42 cbre5 43 Rote1 44 Re8+ 45 Rxd8 46 Rd1 dxe5 Rde1 Kg7 Bxd8 Bb7

Linares update

In round seven at Linares. Garry Kasparov drew with Alexei Shirov, Vishy Anand drew with Vladimir Kramnik and Vassily Ivanchuk lost to Vesselin Topalov.

The first full cycle of this double-round event is now completed with Shirav holding a slight lead.

Correction

The fifth prize-winner in the British chess solving championship was Paul Cumbers. not Culbers, as printed on Friday.

WINING MOVE

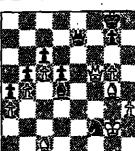
By Raymond Keene

31 gxd5 32 Kg2 33 k7

Bd6 Nxd5 Bb4

White to play. This position is from the game Cafferty -Kajumov, Hastings 1997. In this position, the well-known chess author, Bernard Cafferty, demonstrated a sharp tactical eye. How did he continue?

Solution on page 50



United must proceed with caution

BOBBY ROBSON



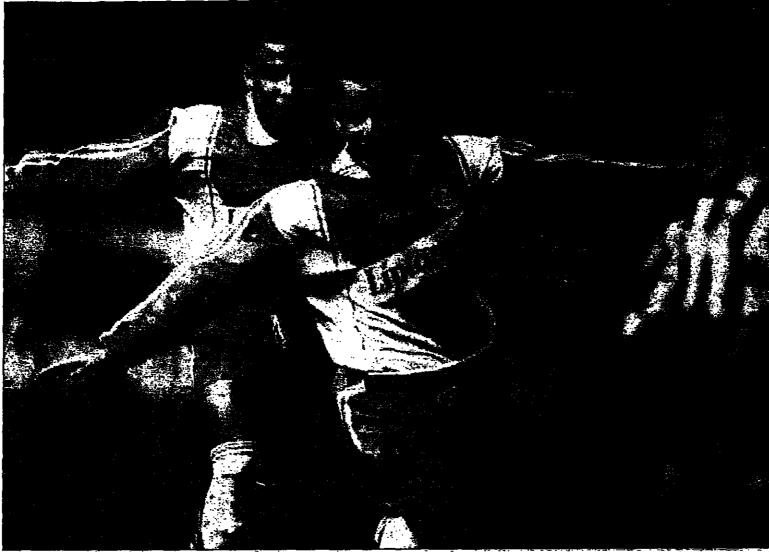
on a tough week for English teams abroad

Manchester United recently because I have been away from England, watching foot-ball in Belgrade, Barcelona and Burkina Faso. But I do know enough about their slight loss of momentum and the quality of their opponents in the next round of the European Cup to realise that when they tackle AS Monaco

United are not quite as dynamic as they were and they have had a number of disappointing results recently. They beat Chelsea on Saturday, but then Monaco beat Marseilles in the French Cup. too, and United might just have lost a bit of the confidence that was really buoying them up in the autumn.

I saw Monaco beat Montpellier 4-0 recently and David Trezeguet, their centre forward, took the eye as he scored a hat-trick. He has got a bit of everything and sometimes he seems as though he could run through a whole defence.

Monaco will probably play an embarrassment of riches in attack. They usually play the Nigerian, Victor Ikpeba, alongside Trezeguet up front and leave Thierry Henry on the bench, even though he was the top scorer in the European Cup Champions' League, Jean Tigana, their manager, just uses two of them, but they will about at the back and it will be ı blow if Gary Pallister is not



Benarbia, right, pulls the strings in the Monaco midfield and is bound to cause problems for Manchester United tomorrow night

The player whom United really need to watch out for, though, is Ali Benarbia, who pulls all the strings in midfield. He is great little tactician, a busy little fellow who is always chatting away in the centre of the team, digging away, getting at people all the time if they are not doing their jobs. I have seen him three times now and every time I have come away thinking what a player".

I know that Schmeichel gets a lot of praise and gets talked have got a great player in that position, too. I think Fabien Barthez is one of

Europe. He is a good, confident shot-stopper and he is so quick out of his goal if anyone comes through the middle. I have first-hand experience

the opponents of both the an competition this week. At Barcelona last season, we had some wonderful games against Atlético Madrid, Aston Villa's opponents in the Uefa Cup quarter-final first leg tonight, and we actually beat Real Betis - who play Winners' Cup quarter-finals Cup final, although we went into the Champions' League.

I think Atlético will be a very difficult proposition for Villa.

They have to be the favourites, especially as Villa have got such an inexperienced manag-

What a raw experience this ory. It will be difficult for him because, even though Atlético are not the team they were last season, they are still third in the Primera Liga, just behind Real Madrid and Barcelona.

They have lost Juninho through injury and that has hurt them because he is such a fantastic player. They have still got Kiko, though, who is one of the best strikers in Spain, and Christian Vieni, who is so strong.

They would not be an easy fixture for anybody, let alone a

team that has had as many troubles as Villa have recently. They love their European football in Spain and Villa will be: the supporters in the stadium and the 11 players on the pitch

Chelsea are in something of the same situation as Villa, going into an important game with an untested manager. Two weeks ago, Gianluca Vialli would not even have been thinking about planning Real Betis and, even though all the scouting work

at the Vicente Calderon.

will have been done, it will not At least Vialli has got vast

They are having a bit of a struggle in the league this

They play a very compact 4.4-2. They have got good wide players in Finidi George and Robert Jarni, but they have not had the same level of consistency this season that they had last year.

They bought a striker called Oli, from Oviedo, who was a finding it a bit difficult ettling in. They do not travel well but, in front of their own fans, they will be a different

It will be tough for Chelsea European experience as a but I think they will get player and Betis are not really through over two legs.

Record alerts Arsenal to Guivarc'h·

Brian Glanville on the well-travelled striker arousing interest in England

the France and AJ er, said he was now quite atisfied with the spearhead David Trezeguet, of AS Mo-nace, who Manchester Uni-

pean Cup tomorrow.

suddenly found himself cast adrift bankrupt. Ginola and others went to

first division tcams: Guiclub level varch, too, went to En Avant Guingamp, of the second

did much to lift them to the Anxerre and their wily old manager, Guy Roux.

emptly bought him-but he had a frustrating first season, after which he went on loan to Rennes, taking him back to his native Brit-

championship, whereupon
Auterre recalled him.

The son of a centre forward who played for the local village team, Guivarch has again been prolific at the level this season, but has still really to heak has still really to break football

The shock of the weekend in France was the defeat in the Cup of FC Metz, who are strong championship pretenders, by the part-time team, Bourg-Peronas, who had already eliminated Montpellier. Rigobert Song put through his own goal at a first-half corner and Corret added another in the second half. But Monaco, with two late goals in extra time by Victor Ikpeba, the African player of the year, won 2-0 against their championship

rivals, Marseilles.

kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Ajek v Spertak Moscow
Alfelico Madrid v Aston Vilia (8.36)
Internacionale v FC Schelke (7.45)
Lazio v Alberne (7.0)

Usfa Cup Quarter-final, first leg

in the Stadio Olympico. The

Marco del Vecchio, 24, who had recently been plif-ing for a transfer after goal to make it 40, a second

penalty, not for the first time

The France World Cup final has been prolific at

forward

time. In the same townsment, China squeezed through only 10 against

Egypt's well-drilled team belied the pessionism of M final of the African Nations Cup, 20 against South Afair ca in Burkina Faso, but the leam of the tournament was

eventually lose 4-2 on penalties. Philippe Troussier, the French manager of Burkina the South Africz team, said: "We had a collective heart attack in the last five nime

utes of the game." In the Bundesligs, the surprising result was Bay-ern Munich's 20 defeat at home by the unfancied Cologne, Markus Muench getting the first goal after 50 minutes against his old team and creating the second for Azizi. So Kaiserslautem, who got a point against Karlsruhe, came closer to becoming the first promoted team to win the champ

reflects new regime

IN A season of gross underachievement and after a week of upheaval, it hardly seems possible that Aston Villa are adequately prepared for the first leg of their Uefa Cup quarter-final against Atlético Madrid here in the Vicente Calderon stadium this evening. Innocents abroad is the phrase that most readily cornes to mind; or perhaps lambs to the slaughter.

Yet, from adversity, hope springs eternal. When the Villa party left East Midlands airport yesterday morning, there was a perceptible air of confidence among the players managerial staff.

Brian Little, the manager, and Allan Evans, his assistant, have gone since leading Villa past Bordeaux, Athletic Bilbao and Steaua Bucharest into the last eight. John Greg-ory succeeded Little last Wednesday and Steve Harrison. the former Villa coach under Graham Taylor, replaced Evtor of football is appointed. within the next fortnight, the new broom will have swept clean.

Gregory and Harrison are not perhaps the "big names" that so many chairmen and supporters seem to demand. Gregory last managed with Wycombe Wanderers in the Nationwide League second division; Harrison was coaching with Preston North End when he got the call. They are bubbly characters, though, an infectious quality that has already filtered through to the camo followers. Fate may have decided their moment of fame, in unexpected and

FROM RUSSELL KEMPSON IN MADRID

they are determined to make the most of it. And make it last,

"Steve is a totally committed person. He's not the sort of guy who is looking to go home at lpm," Gregory said. "Whatever it takes to get the job done, he'll do it. He's great with players and when they come in in the morning they know there will be a smile on

at least one face." Harrison, 45, once paid for his sense of humour when he was dismissed from his simultaneous coaching positions with England, again along-side Taylor, and Millwall. A prank that would not be found in any FA coaching manual badly backfired and he swiftly disappeared into football's backwaters.

"All that happened a long time ago and I think I served my time on that one," Harrison said. "It probably put my career back a bit, but I think



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I've probably matured since then. I'm the same bloke, up to a point, and I'm proud to be known as someone who makes players laugh. That's half the battle. I've always had

a feeling I'd get back to the top. Now I'm here." Gregory likes to whistle while he works. Harrison does a few impressions, too, but the funny business will have to stop when they take on Atletico tonight. Atletico may be nicknamed

the "mattress makers", because their red and white strip resembles the uniform colour of Spanish mattresses, but they are unlikely to lie down in surrender. The conquerors of Leicester City in the first round, they spent £35 million on recruitment last summer, lie third in the Spanish league and are the ding goalscorers. Juninho, the Brazil and former Middlesbrough striker, is absent because of a broken ankle, but Raddy Antic, the Atlenco coach and former Luton Town player, has an embarrassment

of other riches. "It's vital we get some-thing," Gregory, who will be looking to Collymore and Yorke to make the most of probably limited goalscoring opportunities, said. "I'll be delighted with a draw, but if we could win it would be like a fairy-tale. It couldn't get much better than that, could it? i think I'd resign." Not for the first time yesterday, he was

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Villa's rising confidence Venables gets chance to join Palace revolution

TERRY VENABLES will decide within the next seven days whether to join the sinking ship that is Crystal Palace. The former England coach was offered a five-year contract to coach the ailing FA Carling Premiership club by Mark Goldberg, a director who is soon to become the majority shareholder, at a two-hour meeting yesterday. but asked for a week to

consider his options. With a lucrative financial package, including a sizeable share option and bonuses, on offer, there is little doubt that Venables is tempted by the incentives to return to the club where he enjoyed considerable success as manager between 1976 and 1980

While Palace were on the up then, however, they are now rooted to the foot of the Premiership and are seven points adrift of safety with only Il games to go. Matters are further complicated by the £30 million takeover being

who is expected to take formal charge of the club in October from Ron Noades, the chairman, provided he has produced the money promised.

BY MATT DICKINSON

Goldberg claimed that Venables had left their meeting yesterday "seriously considering" the offer to return to Selhurst Park. "I am confident that Terry will agree to join us but I don't want to tempt fate," Goldberg said. "It is up to him now. He warmed to the proposals I put before him, but he has a lot of thinking to do."

Venables, who recently sold out as chairman of Portsmouth, the Nationwide League first division club, is under contract with the Australian Football Federation until the summer and has been offered a new deal that would take him through to the 2000 Olympics in Sydney.

The difficulties in running a dub in England while coaching a team on the other side of the world were apparent when

McAllister eases his way back after injury Cup quarter-final against Sheffield United on Saturday.

By RICHARD HOBSON

GARY MCALLISTER, the Scotland and Coventry City captain, will begin his come back tomorrow night, li weeks after undergoing a

cartilage operation.

McAllister, who is returning a month behind schedule, will play for the reserves in a Pontin's League game against Notts County, although he is

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Coventry feared initially that their midfield player had torn knee ligaments in the FA Carling Premiership game against Tottenham Hotspur early in December.

Liam Daish, the Coventry central defender, is also ready to return to full training after an absence of more than a year, during which he has had

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Venables was at Fratton Park. So while Goldberg did not insist yesterday that Venables relinquish his Australian connections, he made it clear that he would want any dual arrangement to be as shortterm as possible.

"Although I would consider him continuing with that part-time, he would need to focus on the job in hand at Palace if he joined us," he said. "He didn't want to make a five year contract decision overnight. "But I don't see it as at all

negative that he wanted to go away and think about it. In fact, I take it as a positive sign. He could have just walked away after today's meeting. I think that he can see the opportunities ahead and that he realises that in five years we can be a club competing with the best in Europe." Goldberg's ambitious plans

include a redeveloped stadium with a 40,000 capacity and £10 million being made available for new players. Venables would work under a director of football, possibly appointed in conjunction with Juventus, the Italian champions, who are providing technical advice for Goldberg.

Steve Coppell, the present manager, is being lined up as director of football development should Venables agree to become coach. Noades would need to approve any changes, but Goldberg said last night: "Ron has an understanding with me that if Terry does accept and I am prepared to bankroll the difference between what Ron would pay and what I would pay, then he would be happy for Terry to come on board."





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The Thirty Rugby Union Clubs to consider pulling players and tour

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

NORTHAMPTON and Saracens will sit down with their players today to discuss the advisability of missing the summer tours to the southern hemisphere scheduled by all four home unions. The clubs supply one third of the England training party named yesterday and England's tour to Australia, New Zealand and South Africa would be compromised as a result.

Wales and Ireland tour in South Africa, Scotland in Australia and they could be similarly affected if the example of these two clubs is followed by others, so many of their play-ers are competing in the Allied Dunbar Premiership. It is the latest move in the escalating disagreement between the leading English clubs and the Rugby Football Union (RFU), but every home union will be affected if no resolution is

"This is a cry for help," Keith Barwell, the Northampton chairman, said yesterday. "In this professional era we need some organisation.

"Next Saturday we have to play an important Premiership game with Leicester with-'out four of our leading players

because Scotland and Ireland are involved in internationals. Fran Cotton says he doesn't. want the top players involved in more than 30 games a season, but he wants them for 18 games - ten internationals and eight for his proposed

players should have a proper

rest this summer," Wray said.

They have all been with the

Lions last summer, they're

supposed to be playing four

internationals this summer and next year there's the

World Cup. My advice to the players will be to rest."

element of consultation and

consent going into the meet

ings today, and the need for

flexibility. Barwell pointed to

players such as Gregot

Townsend, who is gening

married this summer, and

Paul Grayson, whose wife is expecting their first child in

June, and therefore have good

reasons for staying home.

land coach, inherited the tour this summer from the previ-

ous REU regime, which gives

England four international

against the three southern

hemisphere powers. "I'm tak-

ing 36 players and it's an ideal

opportunity to move our game forward," he said. "I envy the

players these opportunities. There were a lot of tired

players about last season, but

that didn't stop the Lions

pulling off a series win in South Africa.

Whoever ends up going, it will be an opportunity for them to impress the manage

ment. The answer to all these

problems is to sit down and

talk about them. The top clubs

decided not to talk to Fran

Cotton when he invited them

last month. I believe in dia-

ogue and, if the top 24 clubs

invited me, I'd talk to them."

Lawrence Dallaglio, the England captain whose club, Wasps, will play Sale in the other Cup semi-final (both games will be played with

staggered kick-offs on March

28, and will be televised live).

said that the decision over

international availability

should be left to individual

players. I entered into an

agreement with the RFU in

terms of a contract, along with

all the other players, on the

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Clive Woodward, the Eng-

Both owners stressed the

provincial tournament.

"That would leave a player like Tim Rodber available to Northampton 12 times, assuming he wasn't injured playing for England. There's

SEMI-FINALS

Northampton v Saracens (2pm) Wasps v Sale (4pm) Ties to be played on March 26

no offer of insurance or of compensation. What do I tell people like the 8,300 who turned up last Saturday for our cup-tie with Newcastle? We need a bit of common sense in all of this."

Nigel Wray, the owner-investor of Saracens - who lead the Premiership and have been drawn away to Northampton in the Tetley's Bitter Cup semi-finals on March 28 - supports Barwell's stance. "His view is that all the

Wales ring changes after record defeat

By DAVID HANDS

THE record 60-26 defeat suffered by Wales in their opening Five Nations Championship match against England will result in eight changes two positional - being made for the game against Scotland at Wembley when the team is officially announced today.

Neither Nigel Walker nor leuan Evans could be considered because of injury, but the other changes are the result of what amounted to a capitulation at Twickenham, with the back row bearing the brunt

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Four of the players who helped Wales to a 41-22 victory over England in the Ainternational win promotion, aroung residential grounds. Adam then Kingsley Jones, the Roxburgh returns to the start-Ebbw Vale flanker. He will be joined by Rob Appleyard, the Swansea flanker, who replaces Martyn Williams, with Colin Charvis moving to No 8 at the expense of Scott Quinnell. Out, too, goes Gareth Llewellyn, Wales's mostcapped forward. He will be replaced by Andy Moore, the 'Swansea lock.

Garin Jenkins, the energetic Swansea hooker displaces Barry Williams, but there is

no place for another Swansea player, Arwel Thomas. Neil Jenkins is restored to No 10 after being horribly exposed at

full back by England. Wayne Proctor, a replacement for Walker at Twickenham, holds his place on the wing, and Kevin Morgan, Jenkins's Pontypridd clubmate, takes over at full back.

Kenny Logan and Peter Walton paid the price for the drubbing by France last month when they were omitted from the Scotland team. Logan's place has been the by Shaun. Longstaff, a New ment, he said. The by Shaun Longstaff, a New ment, he said. The Calandes was that players were available to the summer tour, and Logan's place has been taken

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SCOTLAND: D Lee (London Scolosh); A Stanger (Hawkol), G Townsond (Northampton), A Telt (Newcastle), S Longstell (Dundes High School FF): C Chefmers (Melose), G Armstrong (Newcastle, captarly; D Hilton (Bath), G Balloch (West of Scolismol), M Stewent (Northampton), D Cornin (Waspa), D Welr (Newcastle), R Weinweight (Dunden HSFF), A Rubdusgh (Kelso), S Holmes (London Scottsh).



The under-16 girls national hockey championship at Milton Keynes yesterday was a close-fought affair, typified by this encounter between Laura Churhman, left, of St Leon-ards-Mayfield School and Heidi Irons, of Kings College, Taunton (John Goodbody writes). After the overwhelming victory of Bromsgrove in the under-18 tournament on Sunday, Queenswood, from Hertfordshire, the under-15 winners last season, were made to work hard before justifying their position

as pre-tournament favourites. They were without Gernma Lawrence, their captain, who was injured, and also lost two more players as they took part in the roundrobin tournament against the other four regional winners of an event that had an entry of 1,800 schools. Queenswood, who were second in this competition last year, won two and drew one of their first three games

yesterday. In their final match they faced the talented Kings College team needing only to draw to ensure overall victory, and a 0-0 draw sufficed. Kings pressed forward with a rare determination, knowing they could finish first or fourth overall depending on the outcome of the game, but the Queenswood defence was disciplined and unyielding and Sarah Davis was incisive in attack. Kings could not breach the Queenswood defence, even in the last hectic flurry of corners.

In the under-18 competition, Bromsgrove minated their rivals with their goalkeeper only touching the ball twice throughout the four games. With the team carefully prepared by Craig Parnham, and bristling with a number of England representatives, including Lucilla Wright, a senior international. Bromsgrove scored a total of 18 goals and

Glasgow's ticket confirmed

NO CLUB was happier with Edinburgh Ladies' performance at the European indoor club championships in Germany than Glasgow Western after their place in the A division next year was guaranteed by Edinburgh finishing in seventh place (Cathy Harris writes). As Russelsheim are both Euro-pean and German champi ons, only one club was

relegated. But it was a close call for Edinburgh, the Scotland outdoor champions, who were forced into a play-off against Gröningen to avoid relegation after losing to Siauliai, the Lithuanian team, in a penalty shoot-out.

Mike Gilbert, the Edinburgh Ladies coach, admitted that he was disappointed with his side's efforts, but

stressed that their main aim had been to avoid relegation. Gilbert believes that the squad's lack of preparation against tough opponents in the domestic league and Scotland's build-up to the World Cup finals also took their toll

don't think we played that badiy. He will have been delighted with Pauline Robertson's contribution. She scored both goals in the 2-2 draw against Siauliai to send the contest to a shoot-out and, against the Dutch, she gathered four more in a 5-2 victory. The Scottish outdoor captain is in the middle of an outstanding season and it is a poor reflection on the national game that her team-mates

look ordinary without her.

on the players. The results were poor," he said, "but I

☐ Australia struggled to beat New Zealand 2-1 but went top

ATHLETICS Radcliffe in the running for

FROM DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT IN VALENCIA

double

AFTER John Mayock's gold medal in the 3,000 metres at the European indoor championships here on Sunday, Brit-ain will feel better about the world cross-country championships in Marrakesh at the end of the month.

Mayock was yesterday named in the team for one of the new short-distance races but, if he accepts his place, he is still unlikely to be the main British player. That role should be filled by Paula Radeliffe, whose request for selection for both women's races, raising the possibility of her winning world medals on successive days, has been approved.

The longer distance race, to which Radcliffe is more suited, is on the Saturday of the twoday championships on March 21 and 22. The embryonic shorter event follows on the Sunday. Had the schedule been reversed, she would not

be planning to do both.

Radcliffe had to settle for the silver medal at the world championships in Turin last year after Derartu Tulu, from Ethiopia, passed her within touching distance of the line.

The traditional longdistance race will continue, at least for now, to be the more prestigious. The women's event has been lengthened to eight kilometres, the men's remains at 12 kilometres and the short-distance events will be a uniform four kilometres. Marrakesh marks the first

staging of short-distance world championships and their introduction is controversial. The International Amateur Athletic Federation. which recognises the benefits of two days of worldwide television coverage rather than one, is convinced of their merit. The effect, however, will be to dilute the status of the traditional races, hitherto the hardest gold medals in the sport to win.

For Mayock, there are a number of considerations, not the least of which ought to be risking his hard-earned new status so soon. Better, arguably, to savour it until the summer season rather than chancing it against the Airicans, when anything less than a medal would harm his enhanced reputation.

Peter Elliott, his coach, are convinced that he is ready to rise up the world ladder, it might be worth putting his confidence to the test. CONTIGORICE TO THE TEST.
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SPORT IN BRIEF

Rusedski's control unbroken

E TENNIS: Greg Rusedski, of Great Britain. emerged triumphant from a bruising encounter with Karim Alami, of Morocco, in the first round of the ATP Tour event in Rotterdam yesterday, the 2hr 16min match being most notable for its lack of a single break of service. Rusedski served 17 aces in his 6-7, 7-6, 7-6 victory.

Tim Henman, who reached the quarter-finals of the Guardian Direct Cup climbed one place from 21 to 20 in the latest world rankings, while Rusedski went down to No 6, because Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the winner in London, moved up three places to No 4.

Hard Challenge

E RUGBY LEAGUE: St Helens, who eliminated Wigan Warriors at home at the first hurdle in their successful defence of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup last year, will renew the fierce rivalry between the clubs in the quarter-finals this year. The match at Central Park will give Wigan, cight-times cup winners before the two-year St Helens' reign, the chance to prove several points now that John Monie, who bas not known failure in the competition, is back as

OUARTER-FINALS: London Broncos v Huit K. R., Saltord v Huit, Castlelord v Sheffield, Wigan v St Helens. Ties to be played March 14 and 15.

Title chance

BOXING: Steve Robinson has been given the chance to become a world champion again. The former World Boxing Organisation (WBO) featherweight champion from Cardiff will meet Luisito Espinosa, the World Boxing Council champion from the Philippines, on April 18 at the Nynex Arena in Manchester, a bill being topped by Naseem Hamed. It will be Robinson's first world title contest since losing his WBO crown to Hamed in September 1995.

Golden return

ROWING: The British team won the fourth FISA Team Cup Regatta in Seville at the weekend. After two days of competition. over 500 metres on Saturday and L000 metres on Sunday, the British had a 52point lead over Germany with Spain third. Steve Redgrave showed his return to full fitness by winning three gold

FOR THE RECORD

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FOOTBALL Sunday's late results

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46 Northwich v Horstond. X
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Vince Wright

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Australia 19; Perogram 42 Bourgoin 15; Begles-Bordeaux 23 Agen 17

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DERBY: Liverpool Victoria Charity Challenge: First: J Higgins (Scot) bt R O'Sallvan (Eng) 9-8.

SQUASH

BATTERSEA PARK: Guardian Direct Cup; Doubles: Final: M Damm (Cz) and J Grabb (LS) bt Y Kateintkov (Russ) and D Vacek (Cz) 6-4, 7-5 (CE) 6-4, 7-5
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OKLAHOMA CITY: IGA women's Classic: Physic V Williams (US) bt J Kruger (SA) 6-3, 6-2, 615, 125, 127.

BUSHEY, LTA women's tournament: Final, E Tetarkova (UAr) by D Zanc (Yug) 6-2, 4-6, 6-9.

of the table in the six-nation Azlan Shah Cup tournament yesterday. New Zealand jolted their old rivals with a fifthminute goal by Darren Smith after an obstruction in the Australia goalmouth. But Stephen Davies

salvaged Australian pride when he converted in the thirteenth minute and then scored with a reverse-stick shot five minutes later to leave his side unbeaten in two matches. New Zealand, who had lost 4-0 to Malaysia, the host nation, on Saturday, had the better chances against Australia, forcing six penalty corners, but a tight defence stifled their threat and Australia survived a late onslaught to collect full

points.

MOTOR RACING: WALKINSHAW INVESTS IN ENGINE TO REVIVE STRUGGLING TEAM

Hill's departure allows Arrows to add new string to their bow

aving the former world champion walk out on you might seem like heaping indignity on disappointment. Tom Walkinshaw looks on the loss of Damon Hill from his TWR Arrows team as a £4.5 million bonus, which is allowing him to rebuild from the

ashes of last season. Replacing Hill with the talented — and cheaper — Mika Salo left money in the Arrows bank account that Walkinshaw looks to have spent wisely. Every penny saved has been invested in significant backroom recruits and the new car. There are no regrets and no

ill-feelings, though both men now probably feel that 1997 was more a year lost than one that could be chalked up to experience. We got good performances

out of Damon last year." Walkinshaw said, "but sometimes we got indifferent performances. For us, the decision is long-term and we are building a business at Arrows which is looking forward three years.

"We enjoyed working with Damon. For whatever reason. Damon found it difficult to be consistent here and he wasn't delivering his full potential. But if we cannot win a race this year, then I hope he does. We have got two young drivers who are signed for the next three years who are good enough. We want to build a team around them."

Which is probably why Walkinshaw was less inclined to shed a tear at Hill's departure than many might have assumed; he had already been

Kevin Eason on a Formula One owner aiming to build triumph from adversity

planning to revolutionise the Arrows team he bought three years ago midway through last season. Almost as Hill was walking

through the double doors of Arrows' headquarters in Leafield, Oxfordshire, for the last time, John Barnard was arriving to set up a new design team. Barnard is one of the foremost designers of his time, devising the McLaren MP4 that swept up titles galore in the Eighties, as well as heading the design teams at Benetton and Ferrari.

He has been allowed a free hand by Walkinshaw and the first fruit of their relationship is the sleek Arrows Al9. Walkinshaw said the car shares just two components with that of last year ... and one of those is the Arrows

Formula One manufacturer since BRM left the sport in 1974 to design and run its own engines. Critics will say that Walkinshaw's ambition to be top of every league of motor sport was part of the reason for Arrows' setbacks in a 1997 season plagued by unreliability and poor performances.

Not even in his worst night-mares could Walkinshaw have envisaged the events of the Australian Grand Prix in Melbourne last year, when MARC ASPLAND

But there was another sig-

nificant investment given im-

petus by the saving of the Hill

millions. Brian Hart, the en-

gine designer, was bought out

and recruited to help to devel-

op a new engine to replace the

underpowered Yamaha V10 of

last year. The result is that

Arrows will be the first British

Walkinshaw, right, and Hill in happier times before the former world champion left Arrows to join Jordan

mechanics could not find Hill's seat as the car arrived for the first race of the season. Hill chugged around in qualifying before the car spluttered to a standstill on the parade

That was one reason why Walkinshaw wanted his own engine. This way, we could design an engine and drop it straight into the car. We have control over every aspect," he

His personal track record is impressive enough. The Scot won a reputation as a nononsense racing driver in the Seventies in bulky saloon cars, forming Tom Walkinshaw Racing in 1976. He ran touring car teams before grabbing the attention by masterminding Jaguar's return to racing with victories at Le Mans.

He was the inspiration behind Michael Schumacher's 1994 world championship at Benetton, before moving to Ligier. When he failed to buy Ligier, the spectacularly unsuccessful Arrows outlit nearly 300 grands prix without a sniff of victory -- fell into

his clutches. Hill is still impressed by Walkinshaw's determination. "It just didn't work out for me there," he said, "but Tom knows what he wants and how

to win."

Walkinshaw now has a new season, starting this weekend in Melbourne, in which to prove that the foundations, in part financed by losing a world champion, are strong enough to withstand the storms of Formula One. He is not used to failure and the experiences of last year are not ones he will want to repeat.

TELEVISION CHOICE

British women fall short in selection jump test

GRFAT Britain will not be represented in the women's event at the world figure skati g championships in Minneapolis this week, the National Ice Skating Association (Nisa) announced yesterday. The decision follows the screening at Basingstoke Ice Rink, where hopefuls failed to

meet the criteria for selection. The outcome will cause little surprise, given the general decline of recent years. Even the national women's championship last December threw up little hope for the immediate future, with Nisa subsequently refusing to send anyone to the European championships in January. Add to this the developments of yesterday and British skating finds itself in the first season for more than half a century with no female repre sentation at senior international championships.

All Britain's senior women were invited to the screening yesterday, with the criteria being that four different triple jumps must be included in free skating programmes. Jenna Arrowsmith, the British champion, was sidelined through injury. so iust four women - Zoe Jones. Kelly McDermott, Georgina Papavasiliou and Tammy Sear - took part.

Jones should have had an advantage over the others. having been a national runner-up three times and a competitor at the world championships in Lausanne last year. Skating first, she landed just one triple jump the loop — fell on the toe loop and singled three other at-

tempted triples. Sear began strongly, but fell on the triple loop and triple toe loop, while McDermott twofooted the landings of three triples, and touched down on another. Papavasiliou did pull off two triples — the toe loop and salchow - but a fall on the triple flip, a near sit-down on the lutz, plus a single loop and salchow ended her

ELLEN WEST, who has played in two national finals, found her path to the last

four of the English women's Champion of

Champions singles event blocked by

Beryl Vincent at Potters Leisure Resort in

Vincent, from Teignbridge, looked im-

pressive as she swept to a 21-3 victory over

Trudi Broxson, from Sunderland. Then

she was forced to deal with a much more

serious challenge from West, of the

Crystal Palace indoor bowls club, who led

Hopton-on-Sea. Nortolk, vesterday

7-4, IJ-10, 15-14 and 18-17.



Jones's performance cut no ice with the national team selectors yesterday

Celia Godsall, the Nisa chief executive, admitted that there is a problem, but was adamant that the laying down of criteria for championships was essential. We're sending out a message not only to these ladies, but also to the up and coming junior girls," she said. They have to realise that winning nationally does not provide them with automatic entry to international events.

Triple jumps are a must." However, many of the coaches feel that Nisa is doing itself and the skaters no favours. Tony Barron, who

coaches Sear, thinks that four different triple jumps is unrealistic

"Look at the Olympics," he said. "Almost every lady [with the exception of the top six]. accomplished no more than two triple jumps. Our situa-

These ladies sit at home watching the skaters from other countries compete in these events who they've beaten in the past, and could beat again. It's psychologically

damaging." Lesley Norfolk-Pearce, who coaches Jones and Arrow-

West loses way before finding exit

A single brought Vincent level at 18-18

In the semi-finals today, Vincent will

England five times between 1988 and

1992, while Yvonne Lyons, who made her

international debut last winter, takes on

Pat Pearce, from the Preston club,

dable, were knocked out at the semi-final

Mote Park, whose team looked formi-

Haney who blaved lo

and she played a deft shot on the 25th end. moving the jack sufficiently to bring all

four of her bowls into the count.

smith, agreed. "They need to be put into internationals in order to gain experience and get used to skating under pressure," she said. "it's a vicious circle. If they don't go out and do it, they'll never be able to perform well."

The skaters themselves appeared resigned to their fare. "It's good to have criteria because then you have something to work towards," Sear said. "But four triple jumps is too much. I came here expecting to hear that none of us would be sent to the worlds, so

which starts on Friday. I'm not disappointed." **BOWLS: IMPRESSIVE VINCENT STAGES RECOVERY TO REACH SINGLES SEMI-FINALS**

stage of the triples championship by Joyce Newell, June Wheatley and Ann Brigult. from Sutton, who became the first players

Man of the match: Mushtag Ahmed

15-13 victory.

from that club to reach a national final.

back effectively and would have won had

it not been for two brilliant last bowls

from Briault on the seventeenth and

eighteenth ends, which gave her side a

MILLOCRAT

After Sutton had taken a 10-0 lead, Ann

SNOW REPORTS

CRICKET

Mushtaq is inspiration as Pakistan take control

FROM IVO TENNANT

DURBAN (final day of five): Pakistan beat South Africa by 29 runs.

PAKISTAN duly took the two remaining South Africa wickets yesterday morning to win a taut and enervating second Test with 29 runs in hand. Their first Test victory in South Africa gave them a 1-0 lead in this three-match series. Mushtaq Ahmed was

named man of the match. indisputably so, for beguiling every batsman whom he encountered. Although he did not take either of the last two wickets, Mushtaq finished with six for 78 and match figures of nine for 149. Boucher and de Villiers, who resumed their partner-

ship requiring 69 more runs, put on 86 in all, a record for the ninth wicket in Test cricket at Kingsmead. Before the new ball was taken yesterday, they took 24 runs off four overs, two of these bowled by Mushtaq. At this that stage, victory -unimaginable when South Africa were 133 for eight was quite conceivable.

wagar Younis had ap-peared ineffectual in this Waqar Younis had match. When he took the new ball, Boucher drove him gloriously for four through extra cover to reach a half-century off 98 balls with seven fours. Given his orthodox technique, it was a surprise when he then on-drove at Waqar with a slightly crooked bat and was

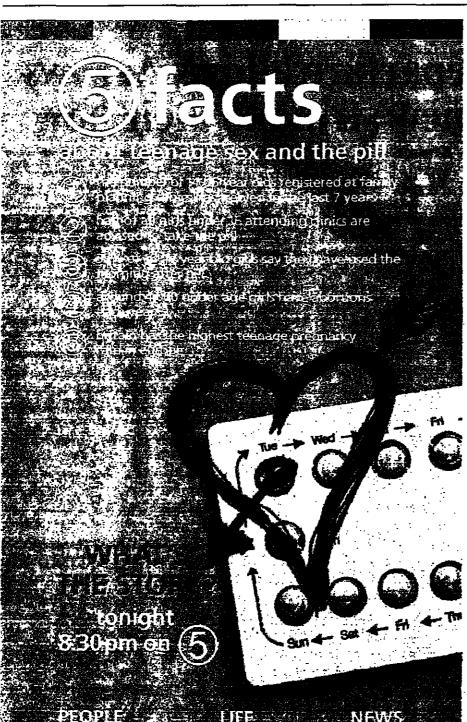
De Villiers, who had looked to sweep or reverse sweep Mushtaq and Aamir whenever possible, with mixed results, then drove Shoaib Akhtar through mid-wicket for four, but Donald is not equipped to make runs in such circumstances. He did not manage to score and the jubilation among Pakistan's side was a sight to behold.

Wasim Akram is supposed to be joining the Pakistan party and is expected to play in the final Test at Port Elizabeth,

PANISTAN: First Innings 259 (Azher Maltripood 132, Seeed Anwar 43; A A Donatd 5-79). Second Innings 226 (Seeed 118; S M Pollock 6 for 50).

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-42, 3-49, 4-76, 5-79, 6-114, 7-120, 8-133, 9-219. BOMAING: Wager Youris 17.2-2-60-3; Fact-e-Aldrar 5-2-16-1; Shoeb Aldrar 11-0-20-0; Mushtag Ahmed 37-13-78-6; Azher Mahmood 11-4-12-0; Aemir Sohei 7-1-24-

Results, page 49 Umplies: D.L. Orchard (South Aldca) and M. J. Kitchen (England).



Conditions Runs to Piste Off/p resort ANDORRA Soldau .50 110 good varied good su (Good conditions on most pistes: lower slustry) ALISTRIA 40 150 good varied good line (Mostly very good skiing: a few icy patches low down) FRANCE ez 75 240 good varied tair sun (Skiing continues to be mostly good: a few bare patches Stand containes to be mostly good: a leave user pasta as: 85 180 fair varied icy fine (Good snow cover in general: some usy patches) 125 155 good varied fair fine (Colder weather helping to maintain snow condition) 65 205 good varied tair sun (Flaine Bowl very good: excellent grooming) 85 105 fair varied art fine Les Arcs Avariaz Membel 85 105 fair varied art fine (Good skiring can still be found on most upper runs) 98 170 good varied art fine (Good skiring on the north-facing slopes) -1 23/2 law varied closed 23/2 (Spring snow conditions continue: upper good, lower worn) 5 230 fair varied wom fine (Best skiing above 2.000m; Pleine Marte skiing well); 0 70 poor crusty closed fine (A little new snow but most prises are wearing thin) 30 80 good varied worn sun (Same good skiing to be found; worn in places) 5 50 good varied closed fine (Very good piste skiing after good overnight grooming) Source Ski Club of Great Britain, L - lower slopes; U - upper, art - artificial:

WORD MATERIAL CO. Answers from page 47

(a) A member of the mill-owning class viewed as a ruling caste. "I prefer a feudal baron to a modern millocrat." MALASADE

(c) An old dish composed chiefly of fried eggs softened with butter. From the Old French malaxe, "to blend and beat together, as egges". "And to every good malasade take a dozen egges or more." MOINEAU

(c) In fortification, a small, intermediary bastion. Regarded by some to it in interacting a small later interacting position as a metaphor from the French molineau a sparrow. "Moineau se small, flat Bastion, commonly placed in the middle of an over-long Cortain, by which the Bastions at the Extremities are not well-defended from the Small-shot, by reason of their Distance, so that this Work is proper for placing in it a Body of Musqueteers to fire upon the Enemy from all sides." LAPPER

(c) One who lags, or takes up (liquid) with the tongue. From the Old English lapian. "The pupils of the modern school discover in him but the crafty, cruel and cowardly lapper of blood."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE 1. Qc8+ Kf7 (l.... Kh7 also runs into 2, g6+ and 1, ... Qf8 loses to 2, Be6+);

Light-hearted treatments Trust Me. Im a Doctor BBCC School

Phil Hammond, GP and comic, returns with more medical intelligence that is serious in content but not in presentation. This allows the programme to tackle without embarrassment subjects that might otherwise be difficult to discuss. The example tonight is cysuis, about which several sufferers speak freely. The point of the item is to highlight the effectiveness of cranberry juice as a treatment instead of the issual antibiotics. Equally radical is a treatment for skin cancer which uses a vaccine to treatment for skin cancer which uses a vaccine to trigger the body's immune system. A woman sent home to lie four years ago is able to describe her recovery. And trust this show to come up with extraordinary facts. If we put away the remote control and walked to the television set we would cover three miles in a year and be much healthier for it.

The Life and Crimes of William Palmer ITV. 8.30pm

Glenn Chandler takes time out from Taggart for a Victorian murderer, a doctor who poisoned most of rits family and not a few outsiders as well. Rendered almost unrecognisable through a wig and a middle lass accent. Keith Allag plays the monster with such understated charm that his decisions all the more departful. But the simple decisseem all the more dreadful. But the simple protivation for Palmer's killings; for money to pay diff his agambling debts, tends to render the character somewhat one dimensional and does not the character somewhat one description is the simple property to pay the character somewhat one description is the simple property to pay the character somewhat one description is the character somewhat one dimension is the character somewhat is th character somewhat one-dimensional and does not applain why he kills his own children. The episodic structure-inevitable with the murders spread over so long a period, may rob the narrative of tension though the 'evil which pervades it is palpable, layne Ashbourne plays the hapless Mrs Palmer, producing child after child before finally signing her own death warrant.

Cutting Edge Holding the Baby

A documentary with half an eye on the Louise Woodward, case examines the experiences of British at pairs in the United States. A handful of examples chosen from more than 1,000 young women was go to America each year, cannot claim

Kenth Allen as Palmer (ITV, 8.30pm)

to be scientific. But the job usually turns out to be to be scientific. But the job usually tarns out to be more demanding than the an pairs thought, with long hours and little freedem. At worst homesickness and unreasonable employers lead to extreme misery and in more than one case an early flight home. To be fair, the agency featured warms the women at the start that it will not be easy. The name of Louise Woodward is pointedly mentioned. Against that, poor Melanie Bland was landed with a family from hell. One of the children kicked and spat at her, while the mother also ded on and thought it was funny.

The Murray Walker Story

ITV, 10.40pm The approach of Murray Walker's fiftieth season The approach of Murray Walker's liftieth season as a grand prix commentator is as good a peg as any for a profile of the mechallenged voice of motor racing. This is a friendly tribute to a man who is liked as much as he is admired. He may get things wrong from time to time, sometimes hilar lously so, but everybody loves him for it. His first ambition was to follow his father and become a champion motorcyclist. He realised he would not make it and sensibly followed the maxim that those who can do, those who can't talk about it. He has been talking, loudly and feverishly, ever since. Unlike most commentators he does the job standing up, holding his lip mike with one hand, fialling the air with the other and trembling with excitement. You would not guess that he is 74.

West End. The evening takes the form of a cabaret and celebrates a century of the American musical

theatre. The music includes work by Porter, Gershwin, Bernstein and Weill. Peter Barnard

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10,35 Outlook 11,30 Megamix 12,00 Newsdesk 12,20am The Farming World 12,45 Britain Today 1,00 Newsdesk 1,20 Discovery 2,00 Newsday 2,30 Mehridan Live 3,00 News 3,05 World Business Report 3,15 Sports Roundup 3,30 Oes Planet 4,00 Newsdesk 4,30 Europa Today 5,00 Newsday 5,30

Tuesday Evening Chamber Music

Radio 3, 7.30pm

Larry Adler's Century Radio 2, 9,00pm

Radio 3, 7.30pm
It would be a pity if listeners who are not fond of chamber music were put off by the labelling here, for the content is quite something else. This is the last of three live concerts from the University Great Hall in Exeter but I have no qualities about recommending it, for tonight the soluties are two of the most animated (and award-laden) musicians around: the pianist and organist Wayne Marshall, who played both instruments at the Last Night of the Proms last year, and the singer Kim Criswell, who has starred in Annie Get Your Gua in the West End. The evening takes the form of a cabaret Adler may often come across as a born self-bublicis but at least this is a man with something to shout about. No other person that I can think of has single-handedly made a musical instrument both popular and legitimate, even if there are still people who run screaming from the room at the sight of an harmonica. Adder has been in the music iness for 70 years and has an anecdote for every day of that time, so the producer Kevin Ho has done well to make coherent half-hour episodes for this new series. Adler ran away from home in Baltimore to New York in his early teens and had played the Paramount Theatre and met Al Capone at an age when most of us were lucky to be allowed

RADIO 1

6.30ezz. Chris Moyles 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley. Includes 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Radollije 4.00 Davis Pearce, Includes[6.45 Newsbeat 6.30 The Euging Session 8.30 Digital Updala 8.40 John Peel 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs

6.00mm Sæstr Kennedy 7.30 Welte Lip to Wogen 9,30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Anne Robinson 1,30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stevent 5.05 John Durin 7.00 James Galwey: Encorel 8.00 Nigel Ogden 9.00 Lany Adler's Century. See Choice 9.30 Liberace. Too Much of a Good Thing is Wonderfull Friends and admirers pay broute 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.05

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am The Breakfast Programme 9.00 Nicey Campbell 12.00 Midday with Meir 2.00pm Ruscoe on Five 4.00 Neitorwide with Julian Wornicker 7.00 News Extra 7.30 The Tuesday Match Atlatico Madrid v Aston Villa. Commentary on the Usia Cup quarter-final first leg 10.00 News Talk 11.00 News Extra 12.00 After Hours 2.00am Up All Night 5.00 Morning Reports

5.00mm Jeremy Clark 7.00 The Chris Evans Breaklast Show 10.00 Russ Williams 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Robin Banks 7.00 (FM) Paul Coyle (Alif) Ray Cokes 10.00 Calmin Jones

6.30am Kirsty Young with Bill Overton 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tonsmy Boyd 4.00 Pater Deeley 7.00 Anna Raebum 9.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins 5.00 The Early Show

11.00 Sound Stories: Brief Candles. Donald Mecleod examines the life of Felix Mendelssohn

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12.00 Composer of the Week Tippett
1.00pm The Badio 3 Lunchtime Concert: 8BC
Prome Chamber Music 97. Stephen
Kovacevich, piano. Brahms (Ballade in B. Op 19
No 4); Stephen Montague (Southern Lament),
Brahms (Ventations and Fugue on a Theme by
Handel) (r)
2.00 The BBC Orchestras. Uister Orchestra under
Kenneth Montgomery and Sechlo Fujioka, with
Rite Calls, soprano, Hugh Timey, piano, Martinu
(Toccata e due Carzoni); Britten (Les
illuminations); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 2 in
B fai); Tomasek (Symphony No 3 in D); Dvořák
(Noctaris in B)
4.00 Volcas: The Cuckoo's Nest, lain Burnside looks

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Breaklast with Balley 8.00 Henry Kelly. Includes the 6.00am Breaklast with Balley 8.00 Henry Kelly, Includes the Reacord of the Week and a, recipe for white fish curry 12.00 Lunchtime Requests, Jane Jones introduces listeners' tavourite pieces of music 2.00pen Concerto. Hummel (Trumpet Concerto in E Bat) 3.00 Jenne Crick, Includes Allemon Romance and Continuous Classics 6.30 Newsmorth, Presented by John Brunning 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. Two hours of retaining sounds introduced by John Brunning 9.00 Evening Concert Allenon (Concert No. 9 with Tun Choest Tablera Concert. Albinoni (Concerto No 9 with Two Oboes): Caldera (Stabet Mater): Bacht (Adagto In C): Vivaldi (Laudate Pueri): Handel (Water Music Suites) 11.00 Menn et Night 2.00mm Concerto (r) 3.00 Mark Griffins

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RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Stephanie Hughes. Mendels 4.45 Music Machine, with Verity Sharp

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5.00 In Tune, with Humphrey Carpenter
7.15 Masterprize Finalists. Jernes Naughtie
introduces finalists of the international composers'
competition. Zhou Long (Two Poems from Fang)
performance on 3.4 concert from the University
Great Hall, Exeter. Kim Criswell, soprand, and
Wayne Marshall, piano, perform songs by Leonard
Bernstein, George Gershwin, Kurt Weit and Cole
Porter, plus piano pieces by Gestewin See
Choice 8.20 Showline, Sandy Burnett talks to Kim
Criswell 8.40 Concert part two
9.30 Postscript: Choices Grentell. Maureen Lipmen
recreates morplogues, letters and songs originally
written and performed by Joyce Grentell. Includes
two songs with music composed by Flichard
Addingel (275)

8.50 BBC: Philiharmonic, under Peter Manwell Davies.
Mato Yeats (I See Blue); Selena Kay (Queen of the
Night Warwel. Philip Sweeney examines the
control history of the Tropicana club in Havenes,
Cube, as the show arrives in London 6.00am On Air, with Stephanie Hughes. Meridelseohn (String Symphony No 12 in G minor); Sibelius (Six Songs); Massenet (Medistion, Thais); Handel (Zadok the Priest); Coates (Overture: The Menymakess); Pavel (Le Tombeau de Couperin) 9.00 Massferworks, with Penny Gore, J.C. Bach (Overture: La Clemenza di Scipione); Mozart (Symphony in F); Ravel (Pavarie pour une Infante Defunte); Mozart (Symphony No 5 in B flat); Rimsky-Korsakov (Schäherazade)
10.30 Artist of the Week: Richard Hickox Joan Bakewell talks to the conductor about his work with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and his relationship with the late Michael Tippett
11.00 Sound Stories: Brief Candles. Donald Medeoof

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5.55am (LW) Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing
6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30.
Today 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weether
9.00 News 9.05 Call Robin Lustig: 0171-580 4444
10.00 (PM) News, Cooking for Ten Thousand, Kirth and Meena Pathak task about their Indian food business, one of the biggest in Britan
10.00 (LW) News, Daily Service
10.15 (LW) Or These Days. The Times columnist Matthew Parris continues his look at the history of parliamentary scandals

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pariamentary scandas 10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jermi Murray and guests 11.30 Medicine New. Geoff Waits presents a weekly look at the state of healthcare 12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current affairs with Mark Whittaker

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12.25ppt Quote, Unquote, Nigel Rees is joined by
Alstair Beaton, Jonathan Cacil, Sarah Dunant and
Roy Hudd (f) 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (f) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 (LW) Test Match Special: West Indies v
England. Commentary on the fifth and final day's
niav in Grusses.

pisy in Guyana:

2.00 (FM) News; Milena Jesensias: Ketics, Lowe and Courage. The author Mary Hockaday journeys to Prague to discover the light about Milena.

Jesenska, the mysterious woman to whom Franz Kalka wrote his lamous latters 2.30 (FIB) The Musical Directors. Pichard Baker talks to the director and translator Jeremy Sams 3.00 (FIB) News; The Atternoon Shift

4.00 (FM) News 4.05 (FM) Kaleidoscope. Paul Vaughan reads Peter Ackroyd's biography of Thomas Moore

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5.00 (FM) PM, with Clare English and Chris Lowe 5.50Singning Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 (FM) Peterdise Lost in Cyberspace. A Juturistic comedy by Coin Swash. With Stephen Moore, Patsy Byrra: Geoffrey McGovern and Loreist King (2/6)
6.30 (LW) Test Match Special. Continued coverage 7.00 (FM) News 7.05 (FM) The Archers 7.20 (FM) Science Noir. Presented by Peter Evans (t) 8.30 (FM) Crimescapes: Nicota Williams. Lesie Fortes talks to the barrister turned crime with who surveys London's legal scene from an unusual perspective (2/6)
9.00 (FM) In Touch. Presented by Peter Writte 9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight. Presented by Isabel Filton 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Golf Dreams. Written and read by John Upding (2/5)

10.45 DOOK AT DECISION: LOCATE A THREET BY THR taiks to the children expert Sheita-Rich who recalls her shift birthday party (3/6) (1)

12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: The Boys, by Christopher Piz-Simon. Read by Alan-Barry (2/5)

12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE, RADIO 1: FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2: FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE, MW 693; 909. WORLD SERVICE, MW 646; LW 198 (12.45-5.55em). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102, VIRGIN RADIO. FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO, MW 1053, 3089. Television and radio listings compiled by lan Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomass, Loss Graces, and

Mad and dangerous, perhaps, but not bad ca's Institute of Medical Research. your legs on the ground and have REVIEW but even the scientists there wontwo hours by paralysing the ner-

criss-cross the globe in search of nature's secrets and ways to avoid Tesco on Saturdays, To The Ends Of The Earth returned for a new series on Channel 4 last night with a gripping encounter with one of the world's most venomous snakes -in the Eastern Transvaal.

The man doing the searching was Mark O'Shea, a herpetologist from Wolverhampton, who went looking for black mambas. Why? Partly because he's never caught one before, or, as he puts it: "There are some species that are the Ferraris of the snake world; as somebody who catches snakes professionally I want to drive that Ferrari."

O'Shea's other motive is to collect mamba venom to check the effectiveness of the anti-venom currently used by hospitals. He arranged to hand over all the venom he collected to South Afri-

dered why anyone with an IQ higher than room temperature would want to tackle a black marnina -- or, as one of them put itto O'Shea in more scientific herpetologist terminology: "You're out of your mind, really."

O'Shea certainly has the relaxed genial, happy go lucky air of the out-and-out nutter. He is dubbed "Britain's answer to Crocodile Dundeer, which is a chilling concept, but not quite as chilling as the realisation that if we go around comparing Britons to famous Australians (even fictional ones), then Australians presumably compare. their natives to famous Brits. which means there might be some poor sap in Sydney or Melbourne who is actually known as "Austra-lia's answer to Bob Monkhouse". It turns out that the black mamba, which grows up to 14ft

long and can move at 17mph.

yous system. Actually, when you come to think of it, that's pretty much the same effect that Bob Monkhouse has on an audience. The locals claim that the mamba can even bite a man on a horse at full gallop.

t gives an impressive kick to a wildlife documentary if you don't even know if the presenter will still be alive by the end of the programme. Mark does get bitten, by a stiletto snake, rather early on in the mamba-hunt and is rushed to a hospital. But, worried that time is running out, he decides to discharge himself against the hospital's advice, even though his left hand has swollen so large that you could serve a dinner for six on But when Mark and his assis-

6.00am GMTV (4135222)

3.20 News (T) (1078222)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (T) (4597654)

12.55 Shortland Street (2447932) 1.25 Home

3.30 Potemus Park (7088721) 3.40 Wizadora (3878749) 3.50 Rupert (/) (7436932) 4.15

4.40 Wavelength (r) (T) (9186067)

5.10 WALES: The Electric Chair New series

5.10 Highway to Heaven (1/2) (T) (2238154)

7.30 WALES: James' Journal Hywell James travels to Denbigh in North Wales (1) (15)

8.00 The Bill: A Little Help When a girl claims she was drugged and raped, Rewton and Skase realise that they may be on to a

The Life and Crimes of William Palmer (1/2)
Historical drams depicting the life of one

of Victorian England's most notorious killers. With Keith Allen, Jayne Ashbourne,

Judy Comwell and Chice Newsome (T)

5.40 News (T) and weather (611883)

6.25 Regional Weather (126869)

serial attacker (T) (5715)

10.00 News (T) and weather (74357)

10.30 Regional News (1) (374970)

6.30 Regional News (1) (43) 7.00 Emmerdale (T) (6067)

7.30 Getaways (1) (15)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (1) (578173)

and Away (1) (94893406) 1,50 Crosswits (72366319) 2,20 Chel School

(39037661) 2.50 Vanessa (T) (6046087)

Extreme Ghostbusters (T) (1309593)

9.55 Regional News (1) (5378319)

10.30 This Morning (1) (41927086)

12.20 Regional News (T) (8989289)

3.25 Regional News (1) (1077593)

12.30 News (T) and weather (2462241)

10.00 The Time, The Place (1) (28241)

was a large mamba which had wrapped itself high up a tree. Mark and Don climbed up after it. The thing is," Mark explained, von can't step aside. Your only option if you think he's coming for tant Don Strydom do finally catch you is to jump, and then you've got a mamba, they make it look easy -to consider if you want to break

him drop on top of you. It's a very hard choice to make." Not if you stay in Wolverhampton it isn't.

Still alive and fizzing with enthusiasm as the credits rolled on Roger Finnigan's and Alice Keens-Soper's film, O'Shea was last seen hacking through the undergrowth, looking for one final mamba, "Ah! Fresh faeces!" he squealed, like a schoolboy catching his first glimpse of the beach on holiday. "He's definitely been here. I mean that is fresh. It's really strong." As I say, it's not a job for everyone.

Not that staying at home is necessarily any saler. Just as we were wondering whether it was perhaps finally time we looked to the future and started surfing the Internet, the first of a new series of The Net (BBC2) brought us news of a very good reason to think again: Cyberstalking. Cynthia Armistead was living blamelessly in Atlanta, Georgia, when she

started receiving abusive and threatening e-mail messages from a stalker two years ago. The Cyberstalker then traced her real address and physically followed her. Armistead and her five-yearold daughter have since moved house twice and changed their telephone number countless times. Cynthia has also taken lessons in pistol shooting. She actually traced her stalker back on the Internet and then turned for help to the Cyberangels, the Internet version of the Guardian Angels. Isn't it just great that logging on to the Internet can now be as spooky as

Tou probably wouldn't catch Adam Hart-Davis on the New York subway at any time. Adam's a bicycle man. He cycled back into our lives in a new series of Local Heroes (BBC2). Last night we rode tandem with

riding the New York subway at

in search of Thomas Newcomen of Dartmouth, who invented the first atmospheric steam pump engine; Henry Trengouse of Helston, who invented the first safety rockets for ships; and Henry Winstanley, who designed and built the first Eddystone lighthouse and later died in it when it was washed away in a biblical-sized storm.

It is one of those programmes propelled by the enthusiasm of the presenter, whose excitement and fascination rub off on his audience like pollen on to a bee. His passion for try-these-at-home scientific experiments turns the series into a sort of Blue Peter for grown-ups.

It's possible that you may have missed Hart-Davis until now. though it's hard to imagine how. He wears a Day-Glo pink shirt. pink shorts and pink bicycle helmet: either he's colourblind or very, very, scared of not being noticed by car drivers.

BBC1 6.00em Business Breakfast (68932)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (1) (45406) 9.00 Style Challenge (5042749) 9.25 Change That (6597834)

9.50 Kilroy (1) (3406338) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (8279195) 10.55 The Really Useful Show (T) (1126357) 11.35 Real Rooms Revemping the hallway of a

converted stable block (1527777) 12.00 News (1) and weather (8950777) 12.05pm Call My Bluff (5501932) 12.35 Wipeout (2443115)

1.00 News (T) and weather (48593) 1.30 Regional News (1) (54123116) 1.40 The Weather Show (66411715) 1.45 Neighbours (T) (72383086) 2.10 tronside Drama, with Raymond Burr and

guest star Bruce Lee (r) (5042965) 3.00 Lion Country Longlest floness Carmen parades her three cubs for the first time (9390)

3.30 Spider (1276965) 3.35 Playdays (7446319) 3.55 Hububb (2133870) 4.10 Chucklewood Critters (1315154) 4.35 The Really Wild Show (5272135) 5.00 Newsround (T) (9590574) 5.10 Grange Hill (T) (9813965)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (712951) 6.00 News (T) and weather (83) 6.30 Regional News (35)

7.00 Hoflday Jill Dando enjoys a cruise along the Thames, Diana Madill visits the popular resort of Marbella and cricket fan Oz Clarke heads for Barbados. David Gower and Rory McGraffi embark on a camper-van fly-drive holiday to Australia's Sunshine Coast (T) (1999)

7.30 EastEnders Cindy discovers Nick is up to no good at the chippie (1) (19) 8.00 A Question of Sport Sue Barker hosts the quiz (1) (996425)

8.25 Match of the Day Live: Atletico Madrid v Aston Villa Desmond Lynam introduces coverage of the Uefa Cup quarter-final, first-leg at the Estadio Vicente Caldarón (1) (17318338) NB: Subsequent programmes are subject to delay and alteration

10.25 News (1) and weather (130861)

10.55 Premier Passions Fans and investors apply pressure on Sunderland manager Pater Reid to sign up a new striker after a series of humiliating defeats (356864) WALES: 10.55 Week in Week Out (245628) 11.25 Give it a Try — Before You Die! (991796) 11.40 Premier Passions (39964) 12.35cm Cricket: Fourth Test (9644988) 1.05 FILM: Sex, Love and Cold Hard Cash (853636) 2.45 News (8355948) 2.50 BBC News 24 11.50 Cricket: Fourth Test West Incles

England (147048) 12.20am Sex, Love and Cold Hard Cash Cash (1993) Thiller, with JoBeth Williams, Anthony John Denison and Robert Anthony John Denison and Robert Forster, A retired prostitute teams up with a former convict to search for her mis life savings. Directed by Harry Longstreet

1,40 Weather (2161487) 1.45 BBC News 24

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6.35am Modern Art (1051593)

7.00 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (7489154)
7.15 Teletubbles (r) (5499845) 7.40 The Wacky Races (r) (6094319) 8.00 Stue Peter (r) (T) (76715) 8.30 Secret Life of Toys (r) (6886425) 8.45 The Record (3425425) 9.10 Instrument Tales (1919131) 9.25 See You, See Me

BBC2

(7671845) 9.45 Numbertime (9209777) 10.00 Teletubbies (r) (31715) 10.30 Watch (4490339) 10.45 Science Zone (6518828) 11.05 Space Ark (8347680) 11.15 Megameths (7646357) 11.35 History File (1) (1525319) 12.00 See Hear (1) (1) (46574) 12.30pm Working Lunch

1.00 Fireman Sam (r) (47347715) 1.10 The Leisure Hour: snooker ceramics, ice-sketing, trainspotting, 1940s decor and the art of bonsai (7907203) 2.40 Going, Going, Gone (22350628) 2.40 News (1) (9511864) 2.45 Westminster (1) (4694796) 3.25 News (1) (1080067) 3.30 The Village, Last in series (41)

4.00 Through the Keyhole (42097:15) 4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook (4279574) 4.55 Esther. Spying (6379796) 5.30 Today's the Day (12) 6.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (r) (837816)

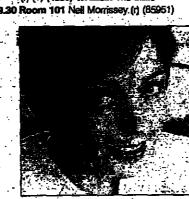
6.25 Heartbreak High (T) (953338) 7.10 The O Zone with Texas and Destiny's -Child (205932) --

7.30 From the Edge The problems facing orange badge holders (1) (61)

Trust Me. I'm a Doctor Dr Phil Hammond assesses the claims of "DIV cancer healing" with Professor Angus Dalgliesh. Plus, cranberry cures and tips on the clets that work (T) (8661)

8.30 Food and Drink Oriental squash stew and red wines from Eastern Europe (T) 9.00 in Sickness and in Health Last in series

(r) (T) (4338) WALES: The Slate 9.30 Room 101 Neil Morrissey (r) (85951)



10.00 How Do You Want Me? Cornedy drama with Frank Finlay, lan's latest attempt to be accepted by the village tolk goes awy 10.30 Newsnight (1) (251970) 11.15 Our Mutual Friend (151241) WALES: 11.15-

12.00 FAW Invitation Cup (661593) 11.20 The Larry Sanders Show Hank rediscovers his Jewish roots (T) (963690) 11.55 Weather (562593) 12.00 The Midnight Floor (6936013)

12.30 mm Learning Zone: Linkage
Mechanisms (44075) 1.00 Coping With
Queues (80926) 1.30 Designing a Lift
(95346) 2.00 Statistics (30655) 4.00 The
New Get By in Spanish (68297) 5.00
Business and Training (9151520) 5.45
Artists in Logic (4466742)

CENTRAL

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Joseph

though probably only in the same

way that an expert slip-fielder makes catching a 90mph cricket ball look easy. The trickiest target

As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (2447932) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (2238154) 6.25-7.00 Central News (202116)

7.30-8.00 Heart of the Country (15) 11.40 Renegade (384932) 12.35am Collins and Macor (9041723)

3.25 Football Extra (4670810) 4.20 Central Jobfinder '98 (2218029) 5.20 Aslan Eye (1192100)

WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except: 12.20pm-12.30 illuminations (8949661)

12.55 Home and Away (2447932) 1.25-1.50 Emmerdale (94893406) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2238154) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (77932) 7.30-8.00 Wild West Country (15) 11.40 A Year in the Fast Lane with the Benetton Formula One racing team

MERIDIAN As HTV West except: 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2238154)

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6.00 Meridian Tonight (\$1) 6.30-7.00 Surprise Chefs (13) 7.30-8.00 TBA (15) 11.40 Prisoner; Cell Block H (713357)

5.00am Freescreen (35988) ANGELA As HTV West except 12.19pm Anglia Air Watch (6968796) 12.55-1.25 Surprise Chefs (2447932) 5,10-5.40 Shortland Street (2238154)

6.23 Anglia Weather (630319) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (202116) 7.30-8.00 A Place in the Country (15)

10.29 Anolia Air Watch (749593) 11,40 Midweek Kick-Off (713357) tion sections Starts: 6.00em Sesame Street (84970) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (38116) 9.00 Yagolion (107628) 11.30 Powerhouse (1929) 12.00 Montel Williams (64970) 12.30pm Sesame Street (90883) 1.00 Slot Meithrin (47323135) 1.15 Y Blobs (473)1390)

1.30 All About Bears (54130406) The Murray Walker Story A 1.45 Film: Appointment in London profile of the voice of Formula (13152845) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (39) commentate on the last grand prix of the 1997 season (T) (610636) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (16) 4.30 Countdown (28) 5.00 5 Pump (4845)

8.30 Newyddion (2864)

10.00 Brookside (100512)

12.20am in Exile (6932297)

9.00 O Fisen Dy Lygald (5661)

10.35 Film: Face Value (27698715)

12.50-1.20 Dressing for Breakfast (9659810)

Championships (135203) 11.40 The Guest List (1) (135203) 5.30 Stolen (80) 12.10em Short Story Cinema (r) (6919346) 6.00 Newyddion (485796) 12.35 Collins and Maconle's Movie Club 6.10 Heno (156488) (9041723) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (932574) 1.10 The Fashion Police (f) (T) (6846758) 7.25 Dudley (160086) 8.00 Y Sloe Gelf (3357)

1.40 The Big Match (r) (1) (4998618) 2.10 Dracula (1931, b/w) Bram Stoker's horror tale with Bela Lugosi, David Manners and Dwight Frye. Directed by Tod Browning (5420758) 3.25 Football Extra (4670810)

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11.40 WALES: UK Cross Country

4.20 ITV Nightscreen (3311452) 5.30 News (94568)

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CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (r) (84970) 7.00 The Big Breeklast (38116)

9.00 Schools: Science in Focus (1) (5242947) 9.22 Lost Animals (8305777) 9.30 Eureka! (9298390) 9.45 Stop, Look. Listen (1) (9294845) 10.00 Fourways Farm (8727661) 10.10 TVM (T) (8737357) 10.25 How We Used to Live (T) (8916864) 10.45 Quest (1) (5640672) 11.00 First Edition V (9071970) 11.15 Stage One (T) (9061593)

11.30 Powerhouse (T) (1929) 12.00 Sesame Street (64970) 12.30pm Light Lunch The guests include doctors Mark Porter and Raj Persaud (r) (15357) 1,30 The Exam (T) (66408241)

1.35 The Dark Corner (1946, b/w) with Clifton Webb, William Bendix, Lucille Ball and Mark Stevens. A drama about a man who, on his release from prison, is framed for murder. Directed by Henry Hathaway (T) (68991574)

3.30 Collectors' Lot Visiting Nottingham's Galleries of Justice (1) (39) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (1) (16) 4.30 Countdown (1) (5266574) 4.55 Ricki Lake: Wayward children and their parents (1) (6364864) 5,30 Pet Rescue (T) (80)

6.00 Friends Everyone is surprised when Phoebe's husband turns up (r) (1) (93) 6.30 Home Improvement Tim and Jill's romantic weekend is ruined (T) (45) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) and weather

7.55 LitPop John Hegley performs (588703) 8.90 Shop Till You Drop A look at the nonstereotype shopper, including a gay nightclub singer and a group of pensioners who refuse to grow old gracefully (5/6) (T) (3357)

8.30 Brookside Will Eleanor give Ollie the commitment he is looking for? Susannah offers some advice to Jacqui concerning morning sickness (1) (2864)



Anne Marie and young charge (9pm)

9.00 Cutting Edge: Holding the Baby British au pairs working in America speak out about their treatment (1) (5661)

10.00 Little Man Tate (1991) Jodie Foster stars and makes her directorial debut in this drama about a mother lighting for a place in the life of her seven-year-old prodicty

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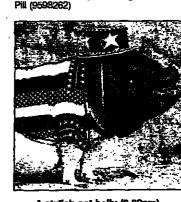
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Record last-wicket stand foreshadows predictable collapse in fourth Test

England lurch to brink of defeat

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

FOR much of this tour, England have played cricket of character and commitment. offering the promise of a brig, or future. Yesterday, they reverted to the worst of their old habits and ineptitude acco: panied inevitability as they descended towards a heavy defeat in the fourth Test

Batting submissively for the second time in the match. England lost their first four wickets for 28 as they set off after a notional target of 380. A second robust, responsible innings by Mark Ramprakash gained only a stay of execution and the opportunity to contemplate a fatally flawed performance.

The timing will be depressing to all concerned with the England team. Just when they seemed ready and equipped to overturn recent history and seize a series in the Caribbean, they have regressed alarmingly.

The paucity of the batting. in which only Ramprakash

Pakistan triumph

made a score above 30, has been compounded by a sequence of expensive errors in the field, where no fewer than 12 catches and stumpings were spurned. Games are seldom won with such profligacy.

Battling aspects of this match have largely arisen from a pitch that has belied its appearance. Though never entirely even-tempered, eventually offering lavish turn, it has allowed periods in which batsmen of unimpressive pedigree could survive with no obvious discomfort. When allied to philanthropy from the field, as was the case vesterday morning, the cricket has been incongruous.

It had taken England 24 minutes to collect the last four West Indies wickets to fall on Sunday evening. There was a sense, then, that a wicket could fall to any ball. Yesterday morning, for ten minutes short of two hours, they could not beg or buy the final strike.

The chances were there.

Four times, Dinanath Ramnarine was spared, twice before he had scored. But the unlikely union survived and, with Ian Bishop striking the ball cleanly and confidently, the stand created a tenth-wicket record for West Indies against England and devalued whatever psychological currency had changed hands

When play began, after the first shower since the team arrived in Guyana, Michael trusted the ball to his two spinners. It should have worked for in the third over of the day, Ramnarine was put down at silly point by Butcher off Croft. Three overs and a six by Bishop later, Ramnarine edged Tufnell high to slip, where Hussain could only get

He was to be missed twice more when on 12, the first a stumping opportunity that further reduced Russell's prospects of playing in the next Test, the second a low edge to slip put down by Thorpe. Bishop, meantime, moved easily within six runs of a maiden Test half-century before Russell, at last, dispatched Ramnarine off the deserving

fingertips to it.

It was a shoddy exhibition by England, every bit as bad as the cricket played by West Indies the previous day. The difference was that West Indies were never likely to suffer unduly for their lapses; England, already hopelessly behind in the game, were now plainly dispirited, too, which is no way to begin the quest for a formidable fourth-innings

West Indies, surely chas-tened by their third-day performance, were now buoyant and bubbling: Ambrose, a detached, disorientated figure a day earlier, had that spring in his stride that inevitably portends trouble.

Atherton, as so often, was on the receiving end. It has not been a happy match for the England captain and the lingering optimism that he might stage another of the defiant epics that made his name lasted only as long as the third



Down and almost out: Russell is grounded as Ramnarine, the West Indies No II, hits out during his stand with Bishop yesterday. Photograph: Clive Mason! Allsgort

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WEST INDIES: First Innings Chanderpaul 118, 8 C Lara 93).

as a laser, caught Atherton half-forward and beat him with pace, a shade of movement and, critically, lack of bounce. The leg-before decision was a formality and Atherton departed with one run to his name from this match and, worryingly, only 96 from seven innings in the

For a time, Ambrose was now distinctly fast and nasty. Butcher had no clear idea how he survived his first two balls. the second of which involved a rejected appeal for a catch at leg slip and a delay for painkilling spray on his forearm. If Butcher, a decidedly relaxed individual, needed a mental sharpener, here it was.

Whereas Ambrose can begin a spell like a 100 metres runner exploding from the blocks. Walsh frequently starts as if out for a Sunday jog. Other than a first-ball bouncer to Atherton, he bowled three exploratory overs at little more than fastmedium before changing gear with bewildering speed to take two wickets in three balls. Stewart. too. was given leg-

before on the front foot but,

like Atherton, he had barely stretched beyond his crease. England, who had depended heavily on their openers to prolong hope of survival, had now lost them both for 22 and, two balls later, even their most fanciful dreams were over.

Nasser Hussain, whose recent slump has contained some obscure umpiring decisions as well as some outland-



Atherton departs leg-before

ishly bad luck, this time needed no intervention or interpretation. His second ball from Walsh was short and his instinct was to pull. Changing his mind mid-stroke, he took his eyes off the ball but left his bat in the target area. The outcome was a gentle catch to short leg, an exultant Walsh and a retreating Hussain reflecting on an aggregate of 16

runs from four Test innings. Thorpe, another whose returns have been disappointing, survived a confident appeal for a leg-side catch off Walsh before turning Ambrose to backward short leg. where Ramnarine held a fine catch. If Hooper had not fumbled a chance at second slip, with Butcher on four, England would have been 30

Instead, Butcher batted for a further hour until falling during an over in which he made Hooper look like Shane Warne, failing to lay the bat on anything and finally being dispatched leg-before. Ramprakash continued to play the spinners with felicity. but the return of Walsh dismissed him to leave England 90 for six.

SCOREBOARD FROM GEORGETOWN

Extras (b 1, lb 11, nb 6) Total (72 overs, 317min) FALL OF WICKETS 1-4 (Campbel 0), 2-32 (Lara 10), 3-32 (Lara 10), 4-75 (Hooper 21), 5-83 (Adems 4), 6-123-(Adems 18), 7-123 (Bishop 0), 8-127 (Bishop 2), 9-127 (Bishop 2)

BOWLING: Faser 11-2-24-1 (rb 2: 2 fours; 5-1-13-1, 3-0-6-0, 3-1-5-0); Headley 13-5-37-3 (rb 1; 4 fours; 5-2-16-1, 4-1-10-1, 2-1-9-0, 2-1-2-1); Croft 22-9-50-3 (5 fours; 1-0-5-0, 5-0-16-0, 10-5-18-3, 6-3-11-0); Tufnell 24-5-72-1 (rb 5; 1-st, 5 fours; 15-2-44-1, 6-2-24-0, 3-1-4-0); Ramprakash 2-1-2-1 (one spell)

Pallister is

grounded

by injury

last moment before friends of

David Beckham rushed the England midfield player's

Pallister was substituted

during the first half of United's 1-0 win over Cheisea

at Stamford Bridge on Satur-

day and Alex Ferguson, the

United manager, confirmed last night that he had aggra-

vated an old back injury and

had not been brought on the

trip. United are already

without Ryan Giggs, their

influential winger, who has a

passport to the airport.

ENGLAND: First Innings 170 (M F Ramprakash 64 not out).

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A J Stawart Bur b Walsh
. (Stain, 29 bills, 2 lours)
M A Butcher few b Hooper
. (115min, 67 belis, 2 fours)

(15min, 21 bells, 1 four)

(21min, 21 bells, 1 four)

Extras (0 5, to 1, no 9) Total (5 wkts, 38 overs, 150min) . FALL OF WICKETS, 1-6 (Stewe 2-22 (Butcher 2), 3-22 (Butcher 2) (Butcher 4), 5-58 (Ramprakesh 10)

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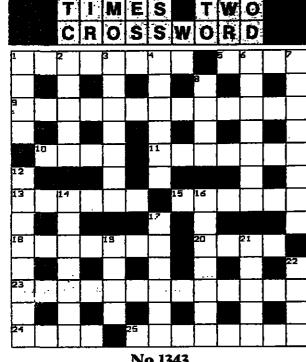
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S Liquefy (4)

3 Married state (7)

4 Gourd as bath sponge (6)

16 Translation, adaptation (7)

17 Church praise book (6)

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Desert sun inspires Burns RICHARD BURNS'S crush-

ing disappointment in the mud and chill of the Network Q RAC Rally at the end of last year was more than wiped out in the dust and heat of Kenya yesterday with his victory in the Salari Rally. It was the Englishman's first win in a world championship event.

Burns was leading as the last day of the RAC Rally dawned in November; by the end of it he was out of the rally. his car the victim of a puncture. Triumph had been snatched from his grasp when it was well in sight and the events of that final, fateful few hours haunted him for

The memories of all that expunged yesterday the Englishman, 26, urged his Mitsubishi Lancer over the line more than nine minutes ahead of Juha Kankkunen in his Ford Escort. Ari Vatanen, Kankkunen's team-mate, yielded second place on the last leg to allow Kankkunen to continue his tussle with Carlos Sainz at the top of the world drivers' championship. Didier Auriol. in a Toyota Corolla, was fourth.

"It hasn't really sunk in yet." Burns said. "It is wonderful to score our first world rally

By Mel Webb

championship win and better still that it should be an event so special as the Safari. This is the first rally I have ever been through with no problems. The Safari has changed since I first took part in 1994 - the speeds are increasing and it is still a very tough event."

Robert Reid, Burns's codriver, was as overjoyed as his partner. "We are absolutely delighted. There is going to be some party tonight," he said. This was the shortest and

fastest Safari Rally in its 46-year history, with 771 miles

Burns: first win

of competitive driving in 16 stages over three days. Its comparative shortness did not mean that it was any less of a MANCHESTER United flew challenge, with some of the leading names in world rallyto Monaco yesterday for their

ing falling by the wayside in European Cup quarter-final their droves. first leg without one of their Tommi Makinen, the world champion and Burns's teammost important players because of injury, while for-getfulness almost meant another missed the plane as mate, was forced out on an attritional second day, along well (Oliver Holt writes).
Having already decided to leave Gary Pallister behind, United had to wait until the with Colin McRae, the Scot who won last year, and his Subaru colleague, Piero Liatti. Sainz, looking for a record

22nd world championship victory, pulled out yesterday after his Toyota Corolla's rear right shock absorber snapped and the tyre caught fire. Sainz motored on but when he stopped to replace the tyre, the

Sainz at the top of the drivers' championship on 16 points, could thank Vatanen for allowing him to maintain his battle with the Spaniard. Vatanen drove at less than ten miles an hour on the final section so that Kankkunen could move into second place. Kankkunen was matter-offact about his team-mate's sacrifice. "Rallying is a job to be done," he said. "We are a team. Letting others win is part of the game."

rear differential failed. Kankkunen, now level with

torn hamstring. Ferguson admitted: "It is a blow for us but we will get on with it. Henning Berg and Ronny Johnsen know each other's game very well any-way and they will play togeth-er at the back instead."

